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Source: CNMI Department of Public Health, World Health Organization

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Cancer-stricken former Philippine president Corazon Aquino has been admitted to a hospital in serious condition.

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The remains of U.S. Air Force senior airman Audra Winkfield were laid to rest yesterday at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi amid the presence of her family and hundreds of community members.

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The famous Capital Hill "mascot" now dons an American flag-inspired hat, in time for tomorrow's Fourth of July festivities. The Liberation Day parade along Beach Road is the biggest social and cultural event in the CNMI. Inset, tents and picnic tables are a fixture at the side of Beach Road from where families can comfortably watch the annual Fourth of July parade.

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Tomorrow, July 4, the CNMI will celebrate Liberation Day with a lot of heart, but without a bang.

"The parade will be bigger than last year," said Juan B. Tudela, mayor of Saipan, yesterday. "A lot of people wanted to be involved."

Tudela said he was surprised at the increased interest in the parade because he expected the economic downturn to dampen the public's enthusiasm.

"It looks to me that people still have

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Vehicle sales see spike for first time in '09

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For the first time since the start of 2009, local automotive dealers saw a spike in the monthly sales of new vehicles in June compared to a year ago partly due to aggressive marketing and promotions.

June sales increased by 23.53 percent,

the Commonwealth Auto Dealers Association said yesterday, referring to 42 new cars, trucks, vans and sport utility vehicles sold compared to only 34 during the same month last year.

Between January and May this year, the monthly sales dropped anywhere between 40 percent and 60.56 percent com-

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Job loss, bonds as govt deals with court ruling on Fund

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The Fitial administration renewed its call for a legislative initiative that would allow the government to issue pension obligation bonds and called

for further spending cuts to cushion the impact of Monday's court ruling that would require the government to pay the Retirement Fund \$231.6 million in damages.

Unless new sources of money come

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CDC assures Kilili that H1N1 test kits on the way

CNMI Rep. Gregorio "Kilili" C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said yesterday that he has received word from the Centers for Disease Control that lab kits are being shipped to the Naval Hospital in Guam for testing suspected cases of H1N1, swine flu, in the Northern Marianas. The Naval Hospital is the closest facility able to run the diagnostic tests.

"Given that we have already seen the H1N1 virus reach Guam," said Sablan, "the public needs to know that federal officials are prepared

to respond to any occurrence in the Northern Mariana Islands, as well."

Sablan contacted Dr. Thomas Frieden, the director of the CDC, in May to stress the need for the reverse-transcription polymerase chain reaction kits to be available to public health officials in the Northern Marianas. At the time CDC had reported that the kits were being distributed to the 50 States and

Puerto Rico—and even to some foreign countries—but not to NMI and other U.S. Pacific insular areas.

"I ask you to remedy that gap immediately," Sablan wrote to Frieden.

In his letter of July 1 to Sablan, Frieden explained that there is no medical laboratory in the CNMI capable of performing the complicated RT-PCR test. The test, which amplifies the DNA of a virus in

order to make it identifiable, requires repeated cycles of heating and cooling and can take two weeks to complete.

But, Frieden wrote, "CDC has facilitated arrangements with the Naval Hospital in Guam, which is the nearest qualified facility for patient diagnostics... to administer testing for patients in CNMI." He added, "these kits are currently being shipped to Guam."

Sablan says he "would prefer that the test kits for the NMI were already at the Naval Hospital. But at least CDC is plug-

ON THE NET

WHO: <http://www.who.int/en/>

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ging this gap in the defense against H1N1."

In addition to the test kits, the Centers for Disease Control has also widely distributed two antiviral drugs, Tamiflu and Relenza, which are used to treat people who get the H1N1 flu. CDC reported to Sablan in mid-May that 11,345 courses of the drugs have been set aside for the Northern Marianas and that 25 percent, enough to treat about 3,000 cases, had already been delivered to the islands.

CDC has also been engaged in discussion with local health officials regarding measures such as quarantine and isolation and public communication and education so that the US islands are well-prepared for the H1N1 virus.

The *Los Angeles Times* reported on June 25 that CDC computer simulations indicate that it is likely 1 million people in the United States have been infected with the H1N1 virus. 127 deaths have been reported. (PR)

With H1N1 in Guam, DPH urges calm

With reports of one confirmed H1N1 case in Guam, the CNMI Department of Public Health is urging the public not to panic, as there is no confirmed H1N1 flu case in the CNMI and to follow its guidelines on how to avoid getting sick.

The CNMI remains at pandemic alert level Phase 6, as declared by the World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In a health update issued yesterday, DPH said it received word from the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services about the H1N1 case in Guam on July 2.

There is no vaccine available for the H1N1 flu virus at this

time. However, CDC estimates that a vaccine will be available by the fall of this year.

"The CNMI does not have a case of Influenza A H1N1; however, it is advised that everyone should take... steps to protect your health and lessen the spread of both the seasonal flu as well as the H1N1 flu virus," states the DPH advisory.

As of July 1, 2009, WHO reported 77,201 cases of H1N1 and 332 deaths.

As of June 25, 2009, the CDC is reporting 27,717 confirmed cases of H1N1 in all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. A total of 127 deaths have been reported in the U.S. (Saipan Tribune)

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Bill will sharply raise cost of Guam project

By WALTER PINCUS
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WASHINGTON—A little-publicized provision in the fiscal 2010 defense authorization bill approved by the House last week would double the \$10 billion cost of construction on Guam as part of the realignment of U.S. military forces in the Pacific.

The planned move of 8,000 U.S. Marines and about 3,600 other U.S. military troops and their dependents from Okinawa and mainland Japan to Guam over the next five years was originally expected to cost about \$15 billion.

Of that total, \$10 billion would be in construction of facilities, family housing and public utilities.

But a provision in last week's House bill would require that construction companies pay their employees working on Guam's realignment construction projects wages equivalent to rates in Hawaii, which are 250 percent higher than those on Guam, according to the Joint Guam Program Office.

The Congressional Budget Office report attached to the House bill estimates the growth in labor costs from this provision alone "would increase the need for discretionary appropriations by about \$10 billion over the 2010-2014 period."

The provision was authored by Rep. Neil Abercrombie, D-Hawaii, the fourth-ranking Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee.

Another amendment Abercrombie added to the bill would limit to 30 percent the proportion of foreign workers that would be allowed to work on

these projects.

"At a time when a depressed economy has dealt a body blow to our construction industry, the Department of Defense should not even consider turning over badly needed jobs to foreign workers at questionable wages," Abercrombie told his constituents.

"This is a huge opportunity to put Americans to work, in an American territory, building an American military base. My amendments provide clear guidelines to manage the build-up while ensuring quality work for our service members and their families," he added.

Not everyone agreed with Abercrombie's proposals. Rep. Randy Forbes, R-Va., also an Armed Services Committee member, said during debate on the bill, "This provision will lead to inflated wages in Guam, while taking American jobs from construction projects in Texas, Maryland and Virginia."

The realignment, first agreed to in 2006 by the Bush administration and Japanese government, was designed to reduce tensions caused by a large, unwanted American military presence on Okinawa. In February, during her trip to Japan, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton restated the U.S. commitment "to modernize our military posture in the Pacific."

The government of Japan is expected to contribute about \$2.8 billion to pay for the move. The U.S. government is to contribute \$4.2 billion, and an additional \$3.2 billion worth of family housing construction will be financed by third parties, who would then take a fee for managing those properties.

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Fitial hopes \$1B casino project on Tinian pushes through

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REPORTER

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos yesterday said they would like to see Neo Gold Wings Paradise's proposed \$1 billion casino and resort project on Tinian materialize, citing

needed investments in times of economic hardships.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the casino project is set for 3pm today, and Fitial will be one of the dignitaries attending.

Neo Gold Wings executives earlier touted the project as a \$300 million

investment, but this week, they announced that the value has gone up to some \$1 billion. Fitial said the investors revised the project scope that warrants additional costs.

"It's what we need for the CNMI and as the governor, I really hope that the project will come to fruition," Fitial said

said Ada.

Ada said the CNMI is the first jurisdiction of the insular areas to receive the first 50 percent of the energy money due to the efforts of the Department of Public Works' Energy Office. Ada particularly recognized the efforts of Thelma Inos.

"This demonstrates that our administration is working hard to get this money and manage it responsibly," said Ada. **(PR)**

DPW application for ARRA grant OK'd

The CNMI Energy Office under the Department of Public Works announced yesterday the CNMI's successful ARRA grant application with the U.S. Department of Energy.

Once the DPW Energy Office submits the required metrics, the U.S. DOE will be recommending a 40 percent distribution of funds by end of next week.

The CNMI is the only U.S. territo-

ries that will be receiving its second grant portion based on the U.S. DOE's recommendation.

Commerce Secretary Michael Ada believes that with the project manager RFP closing, these projects "can get off the ground quickly."

"I believe that we can get these projects started within the next two weeks to start drawing down these funds,"

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pared to the same months in 2008.

Year-to-date sales figure, however, posted a 43.19 percent decrease, from 345 last year to only 196 this year.

CADA members also sold 34 used or secondhand vehicles in June. This brings to 210 the total number of used vehicles sold since January, more than the 196 new units sold during the first half of the year.

Successful promotion

Of the three CADA members, Triple J Motors saw the most dramatic increase in sales in June, from only nine units last year to double that figure this year.

CADA figures show Triple J Motors sold 18 units, followed by Microl Corp.

with 15 units, and Joeten Motors with nine units in June.

Randy Steele, general manager of Triple J Motors, attributed the spike in sales to "a very successful promotion for Mitsubishi Outlander sport-utility vehicles, in which we sold all 10 units that we received for this promo in just one week."

Steele said Triple J Motors' ongoing "Sizzling Summer Gas & Grocery Extravaganza" also generated an additional eight units sold and continues through this month.

Favorite makes and models

Cars remained the top vehicle of choice with 20 new units sold in June, followed by SUVs with 17. Dealers also sold three trucks and two vans.

When it comes to specific makes and models, Mitsubishi Outlander—

distributed by Triple J Motors—topped the sales chart with 10 new units.

This was followed by Toyota Camry and Toyota Yaris—each with four units sold by Microl Corp.

Three units each of Kia Rio, Mazda3 and Toyota RAV4 were also sold in June. Two Nissan Sentra were also sold for the month.

Also sold were one unit each of Honda Civic, Nissan Cube, Nissan Versa, Toyota Corolla, Ford Ranger, Mazda Pickup, Toyota Tacoma, Mazda5, GM Vans, Hyundai Tucson, Suzuki G. Vitara, Suzuki G. Vitara XL7, and Toyota 4 Runner.

Joeten Motors is the local authorized distributor of new Nissan, Ford, Honda and Kia units, while Microl Corp. is the authorized distributor of Toyota and Chevrolet units. Triple J Motors is the distributor of new Hyundai, Mitsubishi, Isuzu, Suzuki and Mazda units.

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in, the administration said it may be forced to let go of employees.

"The austerity measures will probably save us money but not at the level that will eliminate the need for reducing personnel costs. We're really at a bind at this point. But getting rid of employees will be our last option," Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos said in a news briefing yesterday on Capital Hill.

One of the government contract employees whose contract expires this month said yesterday that he fears losing his job, but hopes the administration "does something about it."

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Inos said the government cannot appeal the court ruling until a final judgment on the Retirement Fund case is issued, citing the advice of the Office of Attorney General.

They said they are still reviewing the court ruling.

"We haven't reached the stage where we're making a decision on what to do," Fitial said.

Inos said they will communicate to the Legislature any decision they will arrive at to deal with the ruling's impact on government finances.

"We're getting from the same pot. If we have to divvy up additional disbursements to other agencies, it's going to have to come from other agencies, so there's an offset," he said.

The 16 percent employer contribution rate the court ordered the government to pay the Fund in August "will increase personnel costs for at least

the remaining two months of this fiscal year" and in succeeding years, Inos said. The government currently pays at 11 percent.

As of yesterday, however, the administration has not changed its revenue projection for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2009 which started on Wednesday, as well as the revenue projection for FY 2010.

Settlement

Inos said the administration is still open to any settlement with the Fund.

"We've always put that on the table... We're still open with that and we have been pushing [for it]. It's kind of unfortunate that we have to go this far. We could have addressed many of the areas if the Retirement board of trustees had agreed that we go forward with negotiation and settlement," he said.

One of the ideas discussed to pay the debt to the Fund is to sell the Marianas House in Washington, D.C., where the former resident representative to the U.S. held office.

Inos said the property will be rented out to generate revenue for the government.

How to save govt money

Other members of the community are pitching in on how to save government money and be able to pay the Fund.

A mass e-mail yesterday, for example, listed 30 potential sources of government revenue and savings. These include reducing the size of the Legislature, ending the \$300,000 allocation to the Governor's Office, ending the \$150,000 allowance to certain law-

makers, ending the \$20 million allocation to the Saipan delegation and earmarking this instead to the Fund, and redirecting all land leases from hotels and golf courses to the Fund, among other things.

Rep. Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan), when asked for comment, said these suggestions should be considered. She said suspending the \$150,000 allowance to legislators alone can save the government money.

Legislative initiative

Fitial said as Govendo pointed out in his ruling, the Fund issue has been there for over 10 years but no one has really done anything. He said when he came into office in 2006, he established a defined contribution plan to stop the pension system's bleeding.

"The second thing we did [was] we submitted a proposal for a legislative initiative for a pension obligation bond... All we ask the Legislature is to give the people the opportunity to make a decision but no..." he said.

Two measures on the pension obligation bond are currently at the Legislature.

The Constitution provides that public debt may not be incurred without the support of two-thirds of each house of the Legislature.

House, Senate on FY 2010 budget

Senate President Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) and House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) separately said yesterday that they would push for the passage of a fiscal year 2010 budget.

On Wednesday, the Senate rejected a

hours after meeting with officials of Neo Gold Wings, along with Public Lands Secretary John Del Rosario, as the investors presented their new architectural and engineering design for the project.

Should the project materialize, it will be one of the biggest foreign investments in the CNMI, and is expected to revitalize the economy and create jobs.

In March, the Legislature approved on a 25-3 vote the lease agreement for a 300-hectare public land on Tinian for Neo Gold Wings' development proj-

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some heart," he said.

But the economy has affected some aspects of the celebration.

"We don't have any fireworks," Tudela said. "We don't have enough funding."

Tudela said he asked the Legislature for funding for fireworks three months ago but no money has come through.

A total of \$60,000 is still owed on last year's festivities. Some \$31,583 of that amount was spent on fireworks.

The effects of the downturn can also be seen at the Liberation Day carnival.

Last year there were more than 35 booths, Tudela said. This year there are fewer than 30.

This weekend's celebration is especially notable because it will be Tudela's last Liberation Day as mayor of Saipan. Tudela is in his second and final four-year term as mayor.

To commemorate his final year, Tudela was asked to serve as Grand Marshal. In addition to his customary mayoral address, he will lead the parade.

ect. The agreement calls for a 25-year lease, with an option of extending it for an additional term of 15 years.

Any lease of public land consisting of more than 5 hectares requires legislative approval.

Neo Gold Wings describes its project as a "six-star," 1,000-room mega hotel resort/golf course and casino.

Two other investors are interested in putting up a casino on, where so far, only Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino has been operating.

Other aspects of Liberation Day have not changed.

Saturday's parade, like last year's, is set for 2pm, and it will likely begin late.

"It will probably start moving at 2:30," said Tony Benevente, public information officer for the Mayor's Office, on Monday.

Yesterday's weekend weather report predicted that Saturday will be 86 degrees and rainy.

Benevente estimated that the parade will last almost two hours.

It will start at National Office Supply and end at the grounds of the Liberation Day carnival. A large number of tents have already sprung up along that route.

Other components of the celebration are a helicopter flyby at 1:55pm and a keynote speech by Alan R. Moore, chief of staff of the U.S. Naval Forces Marianas.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Path for Peace."

Isabel Castro Muna was crowned Liberation Day Queen at the carnival last night. The last day of the carnival is Sunday, July 5.

House concurrent resolution that caps government budget at \$162.82 million for FY 2010, raising concern about the inclusion of an additional \$1.69 million obligation involving the taxes that the court wants the government to pay the Fund.

Yesterday, Reyes named three senators to a conference committee to work with the House on a concurrent resolution on the budget.

He said Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Sen. Maria "Frica" Pangelinan (D-Saipan) will lead the team, along with Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and Sen. Paul Manglona (R-Rota).

"I'm looking forward to a fiscal year 2010 budget. We can work this out," Reyes said.

Palacios, for his part, said he has yet to meet with Reyes, Pangelinan and House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ray N. Yumul on the budget.

"If we do work on it in good faith, we can come up with a final product. It's just part of the process," he said.

Fitial also warned that the Legislature "can never change the resources that they already approved without the consent of the governor."

"For them to start providing for the judgment, they already provided funds to accommodate... to satisfy the judgment, that is very inappropriate," he said, referring to the House concurrent resolution passed by the House and rejected by the Senate.

The CNMI, according to Inos, will not ask for federal bailout. He also said federal grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act can only

be spent on certain activities. Among other things, the government will spend some \$8 million only to cushion the huge drop in Compact Impact funding in FY 2010, and fund the Medical Referral Program and the Department of Public Safety.

Primary, federal grant

Fitial also said he's happy with the result of the Republican gubernatorial primary on Saturday, where Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider and House Speaker Arnold Palacios emerged as winners over the tandem of former Gov. Juan N. Babauta and Board of Education member Galvin Deleon Guerrero.

The Commonwealth Election Commission, however, has yet to receive funding for the gubernatorial elections in November.

Fitial said they are just waiting for an appropriation measure from the Legislature. The House passed a bill allocating money for the election body, but the Senate has yet to act on it.

At the beginning of yesterday's news briefing, Fitial lauded the Division of Environmental Quality for a successful grant writing that led to a \$2.9 million in grant from the federal government to protect Laolao Bay coral reef.

DEQ director Frank Rabauliman talked about the grant, while other Cabinet members listened in.

On Wednesday, Delegate Gregorio "Kilili" C. Sablan held a press conference to announce the \$2.9 million grant, and his office also issued a press release about it. A few hours later, DEQ also issued a press release about the grant.

Myers: Labor playing monkey games again

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Lawyer Robert Myers said the process the Department of Labor is trying to set up and use in order for alien workers to collect on Labor administrative awards through bonds is improper.

Myers told *Saipan Tribune* that the process that Labor is poised to implement is in violation of Labor laws, rules and regulations, specifically for old bond cases.

"They're playing monkey games again," the lawyer said. Myers is counsel for the 127 alien workers who filed a class action against Labor and some of its key officials over the bonding issue.

Labor has been notifying those alien workers with administrative awards to go to Labor and register their bond claims with the Complaint Intake Section. Labor said awards in some



Myers

of these cases may be covered by labor bonds.

Myers said Labor "appears to be creating a process with so much delay in the hopes that a nonresident worker will lose all hope, give up, and decide to go back home."

Myers said the problem with this situation is that the old bonds are not covered under Public Law 15-108. Rather, the applicable bonds fall under the purview of the old law, the Nonresident Workers Act of 1983 and its accompanying Alien Labor Rules and Regulations, where collections of administrative orders and awards are much simpler and efficient.

Myers said in its publication, Labor expressly shows the bond cases are old cases.

For example, he said, many bonds listed in the notice are tied to Sako Corp., which is an old case. The rest, he said,

Man allegedly holds gun to wife's head

A Tinian man allegedly pointed a handgun at the forehead of his wife yesterday and pulled the trigger several times. Fortunately, the gun did not fire.

Police said Vicente T. Aldan, 52, became very angry after his common-law wife left the house, apparently to play poker.

Aldan was arrested yesterday and brought to the Saipan Superior Court for a bail hearing. Associate Judge David A. Wiseman set a \$50,000 cash bail for Aldan's temporary liberty.

Detective Barbara K. Arend stated in her report that police officers responded to Aldan's residence after they received a request for police assistance

yesterday at 12:36am.

The victim told police that she ran away after Aldan threatened her with a handgun. She said Aldan pulled the trigger six to eight times but the weapon did not fire.

The victim said when she and a female companion got home after playing poker, Aldan got mad and took a handgun. She said Aldan pointed the gun at her forehead and pulled its trigger several times.

Aldan also pointed the gun at the victim's companion. The victim later ran toward her cousin's house where she asked for help to call the police. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

are similarly old cases with old bonds.

The lawyer said those old bond cases came well before the effective date of P.L. 15-108, and the new labor law expressly states that P.L. 15-108 is to be applied prospectively (forward) rather than retroactively (backward).

He said there is also a "savings clause" in P.L. 15-108, which provides that the new law cannot affect cases, rights, interests, etc., that came from the "past" or before the new law took effect.

Therefore, he said, Labor cannot properly hold the hearings to collect the unpaid wages, liquidated damages etc. using P.L. 15-108.

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Senate passes bill establishing runoff elections

By ANITA B. HOFSCHEIDER
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Senate members were at the Legislature as late as 7pm Wednesday night as they sought to finally pass a bill that establishes runoff elections in the

event that a gubernatorial candidate garners less than 50 percent of the vote.

Sen. Paul Manglona yesterday called the bill passed a "compromised version." "Members have different views, for example, on regis-

tration requirements," Manglona said.

Sen. Frica Pangelinan introduced two amendments to the bill during the session.

Robert A. Guerrero, director of the Commonwealth Election Commission, said yesterday

that her amendments were not a surprise.

"They were inadvertently left out," he said.

Guerrero called the Senate's version of the bill "workable" and said he hopes that the House finds it acceptable.

"A lot of the aspects [of the bill] have been addressed by the lower house already," he said.

The House passed their version of the bill that the Senate most recently debated and amended on June 4 with a vote of 18-0.

One component of the Senate's version is that there is no mandate for local ballots, which are currently required in order to effect preliminary counting of votes on Rota and Tinian.

"Local ballots almost double the cost," Guerrero said.

The use of local ballots would require an additional \$15,000, Guerrero estimated.

"It does mandate local ballots if that's the only way that they can conduct preliminary counting," said Sen. Paul Manglona clarified yesterday. "If there is another

way...then we don't need a local ballot. We put in flexibility."

In addition to providing the procedures for the runoff elections, the bill establishes the voting of absentee ballots on the day of the general election. Absentee ballots for the runoff election may be received up to 14 days after the runoff as long as they are postmarked by the runoff election date.

Guerrero said that during the session, the Senate appropriated \$295,000 for the election, \$172,000 of which will go to the Election Commission.

He added that the Senate is considering allowing any leftover money to be rolled over and used for the next election.

The bill on runoff elections is House Bill 16-220, HS1, SD1, HD3.

Beautify CNMI to clean up after parade

Beautify CNMI coalition partners announced yesterday that they will provide cleanup services on the tail of the Liberation Day parade.

"We've wanted to do something on July 4 for several years now but it wasn't until this year that we had a way to volunteer," said Beautify CNMI coordinator Angelo Villagomez.

Beautify CNMI solid waste committee chair Joe Kaipat proposed the cleanup at the coalition's monthly meeting yesterday.

"The coalition partners were immediately excited about the idea and set about organizing the event," said Villagomez.

He said Beautify CNMI expects about 30 volunteers but are open to having more people join them.

"Anyone who volunteers to help will be given the new edi-

tion Beautify CNMI t-shirts," Villagomez said.

The t-shirts are green and blue and designed by Dexter Mendiola, creator of the Fotten Gaga shirts.

Volunteers will also be provided with water, garbage bags, and gloves.

The group will march at the end of the parade with trash trailers and pickup trucks. They will collect trash and ask parade attendees to pitch their garbage into the trailers.

"I hope we can do this every year," Kaipat said at the meeting.

This will be the first time that the coalition has participated in the parade since providing recycling services in 2006.

More information on Beautify CNMI can be found at www.beautifycnmi.org. (Anita B. Hofschneider)

Labor steps up closure notices of complaints to clean up backlogs

The Department of Labor continues to publish closure notices of Labor complaints in efforts to clean up case backlogs.

Labor Deputy Secretary Cinta Kaipat told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that a case closure notice informs the public and the parties that the case is over.

"If a party did not get a notice of the hearing, then they can come back and ask to have the case reopened. We do not foreclose the opportunity for a hearing on disputed matters without notice," Kaipat said.

Last week, Labor published another notice of dismissal of 75 Labor cases. The department said each of the 75 cases has been adjudicated or dismissed by the Labor Administrative Hearing Office.

In that notice, Labor stated that any complainant who was awarded money damages and has not been paid should go to Labor's Complaint Intake Section and fill out a declaration. Complainants who have not been paid are given until July 30, 2009 to report to the Complaint Intake Section.

Kaipat said if a business wants confirmation that a worker's case is over, they can rely on the published notice.

Kaipat said the notices they recently published are 2008 Labor cases.

"I am very pleased that we met our performance benchmark and finished all the 2008 Labor cases within six months of the end of the calendar year in which they were filed," she said. (Ferdie dela Torre)

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Senior airman Audra Winkfield is laid to rest



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Family members of Audra Winkfield were offered yesterday a certificate of remembrance by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which lauded the commitment, courage, and patriotism of the 26-year-old senior airman who died Sunday while on duty. Offering the certificate are VFW incoming commander Larry Guerrero and outgoing commander Mariano Fajardo.

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The remains of U.S. Air Force senior airman Audra Winkfield was laid to rest yesterday at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi amid the presence of her family and hundreds of community members.

The solemn rites was highlighted by the presentation of the American flag by U.S. Navy officials and the CNMI flag by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to her bereaved family.

Winkfield, a former CNMI swimmer, died June 21 in a car accident while on duty with the U.S. Air Force in Colorado Springs.

Her father, Bobby Winkfield,

along with family members also accepted yesterday a certificate of remembrance from the Veterans of Foreign Wars that was presented by outgoing and incoming officials Mariano Fajardo and Larry Guerrero.

Winkfield joined the U.S. Air Force three years ago in 2007 and she had a rank of senior airman until her death on June 21. Her car was hit by a truck and she died on the spot. She was 26.

According to Ruth Coleman, Military and Veterans Affairs Office executive director, Winkfield deserved the military honors in yesterday's ceremony, citing her dedication and commitment as a young service member of the U.S. Air Force.

"We're all very proud of her

service to our country and she is one special person who will always be remembered," Coleman said.

Incoming VFW commander Larry Guerrero said the certificate of remembrance offered to the Winkfield family lauded Winkfield's devotion to duty, courage, and patriotism.

"VFW offered them the consolation of knowing that their grief is shared by those who have been privileged to serve with our comrade in peace as in war," Guerrero said of the certificate offered to the family.

The ceremony was also attended by noncommissioned officer-in-charge Christopher Gresser and Jeremiah Robins, who represented the U.S. Army.

NMC to use bulk of stimulus funds to fill 18 posts

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The Northern Marianas College intends to use the bulk of its \$3.9 million share of the stimulus funds from the federal government to hire people for 18 positions that have been deemed critical to its accreditation.

NMC, in a document submitted to the U.S. Department of Education, said that positions that could not be filled because of budgetary constraints will be hired through the stimulus money.

The college wants to fill 18 positions in fiscal years 2010 and 2011, costing a total of \$815,512 in salaries and benefits for each fiscal year, or \$1.6 million in two years. NMC is entitled to use the stimulus money across a three-year period from Oct. 1, 2008 through Sept. 30, 2011.

These posts include assistant director for the School of Education, natural resources management program coordinator/instructor, English instructor, administrative manager for the Nursing Department, administrative manager for the Business Department, and special assistant to the president.

NMC will also hire using stimulus funds a program manager for the student engagement and learning community program, distance learning coordinator, systems administrator, distance learning facilitator for Rota and Tinian sites, and institutional planner.

Four positions will also be filled at the Office of Admissions and Records where the college will hire four data entry clerks, and a grant writer for the Community Development Institute.

The institution cited three main areas where it will use the entire \$3.9 million stimulus funds: to modernize, repair and renovate buildings at the As Terlaje campus; to enhance the qualifications and effectiveness of faculty; and to restore some instructor and FTE reductions in the last three years as a result of budget cuts and to fill critical posts for maintenance of accreditation.

Part of the repair works at the main campus is the installation of a power backup source for some buildings costing \$216,482. Ongoing professional development activities to enhance the qualification and effectiveness of employees will cost \$220,000 each fiscal year.

NMC said it also needs \$58,063 to conduct some activities, primarily consultation, to help implement the college's

strategic plan to improve the quality of academic standards and assessments.

NMC also plans to spend \$213,240 for the technology infrastructure in the first fiscal year. These include computer purchases

for learning laboratories, power campus audit and training, and additional licenses for the power campus at \$1,500 each.

The U.S. Department of Education, in consultation with the Office of the Insular Affairs,

provided the CNMI \$44 million in fiscal state stabilization fund. The bulk of the amount, \$33.2 million, will go to public schools while NMC is appropriated \$3.9 million; the local government will get \$7 million.

\$2M for ILS reprogrammed to Tinian airport upgrades

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After suspending the long-delayed instrument landing system project on Tinian, the \$2 million that was earmarked for the project will now be used to fund the upgrade work at the island's airport.

Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Efrain F. Camacho said yesterday that work is now underway for all projects lined up for the Tinian airport,



Camacho

soon after the Tinian Legislative Delegation decided to reprogram some of the ILS funds.

The ILS project has been pushed at the Tinian International Airport since 2006 but this has been delayed. The delegation decided to put off the project early this year, citing the non-viability of the project in this time of economic distress.

The pending exclusion of the Russia and China markets from the visa waiver program was also a factor in the delegation's decision.

The Office of Insular Affairs had approved in November 2007 the reprogramming of \$3.5 million for the ILS. Some \$2 million of the amount will now be used for more pressing needs at the airport such as renovations, improvements to the commuter and terminal facilities, and the sewer system.

Camacho said work is expected to begin in October and will end in early 2010.

"CPA is now moving forward as far as Tinian airport projects are concerned. With some \$2 million reprogrammed from the ILS project, we're expecting to start working on the terminal building in October," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune*.

Since the completion of the Tinian terminal expansion last year, the building has never been used due to lack of equipment and other important facilities such as air-conditioning units.

CPA, in consultation with the delegation, said the funding will also be used to repaint and repair the "old" terminal building so it

would be more user-friendly to passengers.

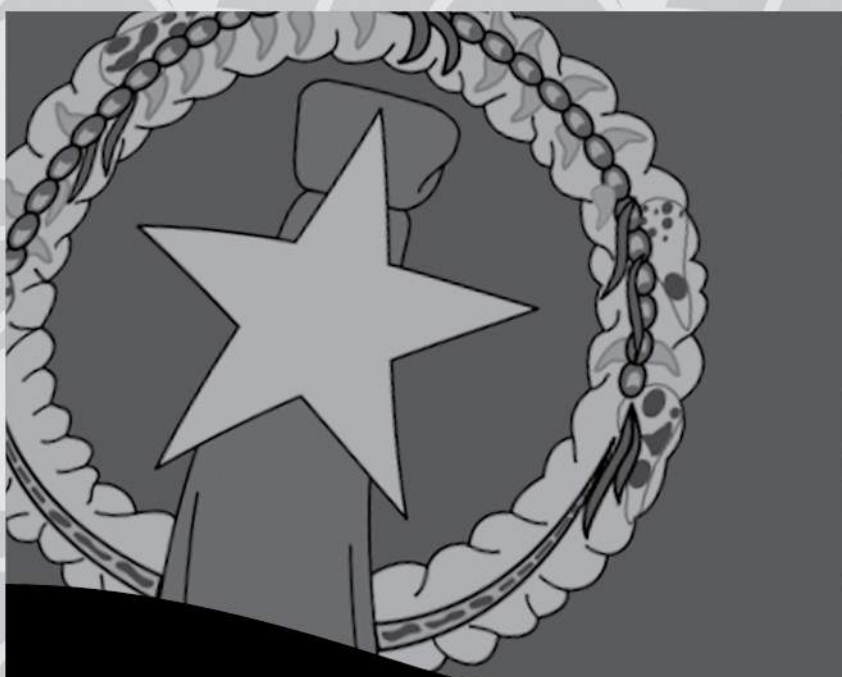
Saipan Tribune learned that the reprogramming of the ILS money was also in consideration of a CPA recommendation that, even without the ILS, direct international flights could still safely land at the Tinian airport.

Traffic demand, according to Camacho, was also a factor in the reprogramming decision.

Based on the last projected cost of the ILS project, some \$5 million is needed—over \$1 million short from the \$3.5 million initial funding. For equipment maintenance alone, the delegation needs to allot up to \$80,000 yearly.

ILS facilities are a highly accurate and dependable means of navigating the runway. When using an ILS, the pilot determines aircraft position primarily by reference to instruments. It provides the lateral and vertical guidance necessary to fly a precision approach.


For the Tinian airport, which is surrounded by the ocean and vast empty land, officials believe it may not be that necessary or crucial to install an ILS, which usually used in bigger airports.



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Local student is UOG dean's lister

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A former student of Saipan Southern High School was named to the prestigious Dean's List after demonstrating academic excellence at the University of Guam.

Jonisa L. Deleon Guerrero, 22, is currently a senior student at the university pursuing a degree in special education.

She is the daughter of Luisa and John Deleon Guerrero, who are both long-time public school employees in the Commonwealth.

According to Dr. Patrick Leddy, UOG's acting dean of Academic and Student Affairs at the School of Education, Deleon Guerrero was named to the

dean's list due to the grade point average of 3.5 or better that she has maintained.

"The effort and dedication you have shown...speaks well of your future as a teacher," Leddy told Deleon Guerrero in his congratulatory message to the student.

Leddy said the university is particularly pleased that Deleon Guerrero has chosen to become a member of the education profession.

"We look forward to the day that you will stand before your first class of your very own students," the UOG official said.

Deleon Guerrero was named to the dean's list for the Fall semester.

John Deleon Guerrero, the student's father, said the family



Deleon Guerrero

is very proud of her daughter's achievements. He disclosed her daughter's plan to pursue a master's degree in special education at the same university.

"She worked hard and we're very proud of her," the proud father said, adding that Jonisa wants

to become a speech pathologist someday so she can be of service to Commonwealth kids.

Like her parents, Jonisa wants to join the public schools after obtaining the necessary degree and requirements.

The Public School System has had difficulty in filling hard-to-fill positions in its special education program, which requires specialists in areas like speech pathology.

Deleon Guerrero said the family is optimistic that their daughter will be an asset to PSS once she joins the workforce in the near future.

"We're seeing a great need in these areas...and our daughter can help. She will come back and will serve the CNMI," the father said.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 3, 2000

6 firms bid for Tinian airport

Six companies have officially submitted their respective proposal to undertake the construction of the new West Tinian International Airport, with Telesource Corporation tendering the lowest amount at a maximum of \$16.9 million for the 8,600-linear foot runway. Telesource proposed to carry out the construction of a 7,800-foot runway of the West Tinian International Airport, which is part of the Basic Bid, at \$15.7 million, which is lower by just about \$500,000 from second lowest bidder, Guandong Overseas Corporation. Guandong Overseas offered to undertake the 7,800-foot runway at \$16.2 million, while the company submitted a bid of \$18.4 million for the alternative bid that involves the construction of a longer runway.

Sablan faces Babauta in GOP primary

Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan and Resident Representative to Washington Juan N. Babauta led the pack of few Republican members who have expressed intention this early to run in next year's general elections in the CNMI. The GOP closed on Friday the acceptance of "letters of declaration" or "notices of intent" from aspirants seeking the party's nomination for the positions of governor, lieutenant governor and resident representative to the United States as well as mayor and senators for Saipan. Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider, who earlier had announced plan to vie for GOP's candidate as Washington representative, has reportedly backed out from the race due to the alleged exorbitant fee being charged by the party for each declaration.

July 3, 2001

BOE may shelve kinder program

The Board of Education's Committee on Fiscal and Personnel is planning to close the Public School System's kindergarten program in school year 2001-2002 due to lack of funds. The proposed move is only one among many repercussions anticipated to hit a public education system gripped with funding woes. Earlier, BOE officials expressed fears persistent funding cuts may cause schools to discontinue offering elective courses, increase class sizes and generally affect overall student achievement. Not yet carved in stone, BOE officials have started soliciting input from the Education Commissioner regarding the proposal, which may require pre-school students to stay longer in Headstart level.

Unpaid govt debts threaten pension checks

Pensioners of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund are in danger of not receiving their checks this July 15 unless the Commonwealth government settles its debts amounting to \$60 million. As such, the Fund's board of trustees is leaning toward the filing of a lawsuit against the CNMI government unless an agreement is arrived at between the Fund and the government that would pave the way for the settlement of the arrears. In an interview yesterday, Fund administrator Juan S. Torres said that he is now arranging to meet with Special Assistant for Administration Jose I. DeLeon Guerrero, Attorney General Herbert D. Soll and Finance Secretary Lucy Nielsen, together with the Fund's trustees, to hammer out a plan on how the government can settle its arrears with the Fund.

July 3, 2002

Diego unfazed by projected shortfall

Despite a projected \$2 million shortfall in revenue, the Babauta administration has advised the Legislature that it is maintaining its original budget submission of \$213 million for Fiscal Year 2003. In a letter to the presiding officers of the Legislature, acting Gov. Diego T. Benavente said their review of revenue estimates have found that all projections remain valid poker license renewals. "The Secretary of Finance sent a memo to my office informing me of a possible reduction in the [FY 2003] projections because of the new poker law that has already impacted several businesses that opted not to renew their poker licenses," said Benavente.

Rough financial ride for CPA

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is facing a rough financial ride ahead-or at least for the remaining months of the current financial year-due to the slowdown in revenue-generating activities at both the seaport and the airport. The ports authority is expecting a revenue shortfall, thanks but no thanks to the slow rally of the tourism and garment industries. Rex I. Palacios, CPA financial consultant, said the economic slowdown is a great challenge to the ports authority, in that a big slice of the agency's earnings are derived from tourism and garment related activities.



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Manglona, Royal rule Cook-A-Rainbow

Local amateur chefs, both young and old—inspired healthy living and entertained crowds at Cook-A-Rainbow on June 25 in Garapan.

The competition, aimed at promoting locally grown and available foods to promote healthy living, challenged contestants to cook a dish using a colorful variety of fruits and/or vegetables and one main local ingredient. This year it was locally grown shrimp.

The idea behind the “rainbow” of produce is that people who eat more generous amounts of fruits and vegetables as part of a healthy diet are likely to have reduced risk of chronic diseases, including strokes, type 2 diabetes, some types of cancer, and perhaps heart disease and high blood pressure.

In the non-professional category, Julie O. Manglona, with her *Shrimp Tinaktak*, took first

place with a prize of \$300. Ariadne G. Snodgrass won second place and \$200 with her *Pinakbet* dish. In third place, Priscilla J. Pangelinan won \$100 with her *Shrimplicious with Coconut Milk*. Susan Marchitti and Fe Quimzon also participated, cooking up *Shrimp & Veggie Medley* and *Spicy Rainbow Shrimp*.

In the youth category, Kassandra T. Royal won first place for her *Mini Shrimp Burgers*. Kenyon Schultz won second for cooking up a dish of *Shrimp Kelaguen*. For third place,

Jaehoon Shin cooked *Chili Shrimp*. Other participants included Kassandra A. Snodgrass, with *Miracle Veggies de Pasta*, Madison Schultz, with *Shrimp Scampi*, and Crosby Schultz, with *Garlic Shrimp*.

The Cook A Rainbow Challenge is coordinated by the Ayuda Network, CNMI Dia-

betes Prevention and Control Program, NMC-CREES, and the Division of Environmental Quality. **(PR)**

WARRIORS VS TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES

Australian Federal Police Advisor to the Micronesian Transnational Crime Unit Mic Murray, center, and chief prosecutor Kevin Lynch, second from right, along with local enforcers pose in front of a big MTCU banner after their meeting at the Department of Public Safety on Tuesday. Based in Pohnpei, MTCU consists of law enforcement representatives from Pohnpei, CNMI, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia. The Australian Federal Office provides investigative and financial support to the MTCU.

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PIC makes donation to PAWS

Pacific Islands Club raised \$545 for PAWS at the June 20, 2009, fundraiser that was held at the PIC Waterpark Day for PAWS. In an effort to raise money for the non-profit animal welfare organization, PIC offered a discount rate of \$10 per person for entry tickets to the Waterpark.

“We are so grateful for PIC’s ongoing support and contribu-

tion to our organization,” said PAWS president Katie Busenkell. “PIC has supported PAWS since the very beginning, and has always offered to help us where and when possible.”

PAWS received the check from PIC on June 29, 2009.

The funds will be used to provide foster animals with food and medical care. **(PR)**



FHB DONATIONS

First Hawaiian Bank gives an educational tax credit donation to Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development Center. Picture shows FHB branch manager Victoria Concepcion, left, turning over the check donation to Sister Remedios ECDC representative Esther Suzuki.

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The Grace Christian Academy extends its gratitude to First Hawaiian Bank for the educational tax credit donation. Picture shows bank branch manager Victoria Concepcion turning over the check to GCA principal Faith Dela Rosa.

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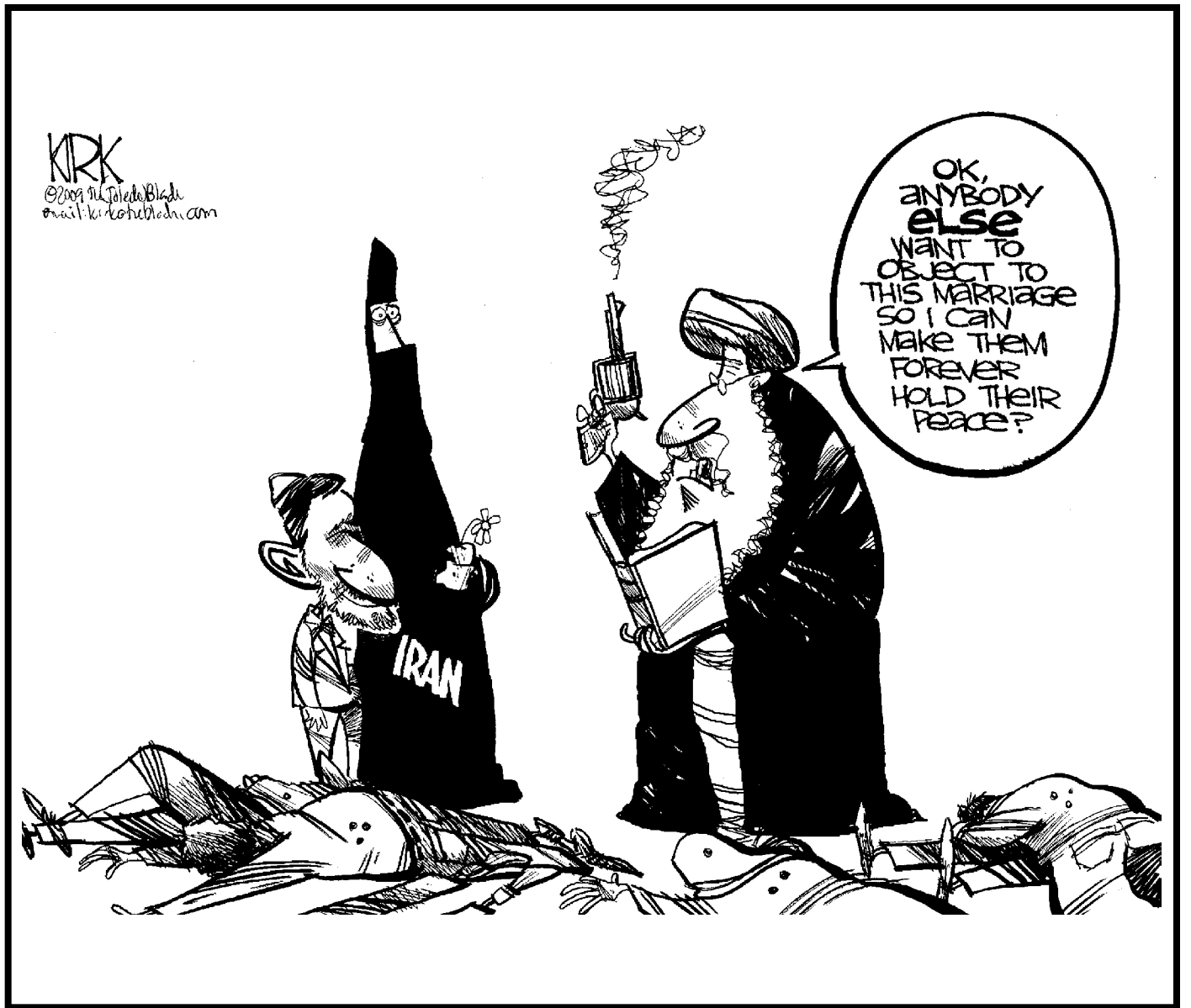
There are basically two ways a teacher today can earn a bigger paycheck: collect graduate credits or wait on seniority. It's a system that is indifferent to teacher effectiveness or student achievement. That's why Education Secretary Arne Duncan is right to want to encourage schools to reward teachers and principals who deliver.

Mr. Duncan is seeking to boost funding for a program that awards grants to local school systems for pay-for-performance programs. The 2010 budget proposal submitted by President Obama would provide a massive infusion of money for the Teacher Incentive Fund, which would grow from \$97.3 million in fiscal 2009 to \$487.3 million. This boost would come on top of \$200 million already awarded in the stimulus. Started under the Bush administration, the program has generated huge interest, with 34 grants awarded and more than 130 applications pending.

There is, though, some pushback against the proposed increase. Mr. Duncan encountered skeptical questioning when he testified recently before Senate and House appropriations subcommittees. Critics of pay-for-performance are right that there have not been extensive studies on its effectiveness, but that's largely because the one-size-fits-all pay schedule is so dominant. Recent research has been promising, and the experiences of systems that have experimented with pay-for-performance, such as Chicago and Prince George's County, Md., are promising. Besides, there are tons of studies showing that anything that helps to identify and act on the differences in skill among teachers can only benefit their students. Not to mention the gains for teachers who, as a recent study by the New Teacher Project found, are too often treated as interchangeable widgets.

Because teachers are the single most critical factor in improving student achievement, it's time to start drawing distinctions in how they are retained, promoted and rewarded. If there were any concern about Mr. Duncan's proposal, it should be in the particulars of what schools will need to do to qualify for this money. Specifics are still being determined, but there must be rigorous requirements, including the use of student test scores to show results. Mr. Duncan's scheduled address Thursday before the National Education Association, which has opposed performance pay tied to test scores, is a good opportunity for him to reiterate that he means business on this score.

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Too much Michael

Given his recklessly eccentric and peripatetic personal life, Michael Jackson's premature death seems almost foreordained—one of those deaths William Butler Yeats had in mind when he wrote of a friend's lost son: "What made us dream that he could comb gray hair?"

Still, the global outpouring of grief and the frenzy of public attention focused since Thursday on Jackson's death is an acknowledgment not only of his popularity but of the reach and influence of America's most successful export: popular culture. Jackson was an icon and, in the end, perhaps, a prisoner of that now all-pervasive, world-girdling force.

American popular culture's triumphant appeal around the world is the product of several forces: First among them is this country's historic aversion to assigning distinct values to high and low culture. Some people would say the result has been a pervasive Philistinism—that, as Oscar Wilde put it, "America is the only country that went from barbarism to decadence without civilization in between." Others would say that a level playing field has opened high culture—literature and classical music, for example—to a valuable cross-fertilization with popular media and made it more vigorous by forcing it to compete for its audience.

The real strength of American popular culture, in fact, is its democratic impulse—a willingness to take into account the reality that, for most people, entertainment is an end in itself. American entertainment bows to what economists call "consumer sovereignty," and Jackson's popularity, with its demonstrable influence on music, dance and fashion, was a clear example of that.

That accounts for the fervor that has the performer's fans organizing candlelight vigils around his star on Hollywood Boulevard and mass "moonwalks" in London. But what explains the saturation media coverage of Jackson's death—coverage that crowded out virtually every other news story since midday Thursday? Friday, for example, was an extraordinarily busy news day: Repression tightened dangerously in Iran, and President Barack Obama traded words with his Iranian counterpart; the brewing crisis with North Korea bubbled along; the House passed major legislation on climate change; and, in California, the budget crisis took another suicidal turn.

Yet on cable TV and on newspaper Web sites, it was all Michael, all the time. So, how did a pop singer heavily in debt and desperately hoping for a comeback, one who hadn't really sold any music for years, one who was best known for his bizarre life, obsession with cosmetic surgery and for the allegations of pedophilia against him, become in death the most beloved media figure since JFK?

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To understand, you need to go back to that all-conquering popular culture—and its indispensable adjunct, the cult of celebrity—and consider the de facto Faustian bargain into which the American news media are sliding.

America's serious news media—whether print, broadcast or cable—are in the grip of a collective nervous breakdown. Embracing popular culture and its icons seems somehow therapeutic on several levels: It appears to address charges that serious media are elitist, as well as the manifest indifference of younger readers and viewers to conventional news. Then there's the fact of simple, brute commerce; popular culture in the form of film, music and TV now provides an outsized share of the financially strapped media's advertising revenue. Finally, there's that source of the news media's anxiety and confusion—and that great enabler of popular culture—the Internet.

When Jackson's death was first reported, traffic across the Internet spiked to virtually unprecedented levels. Google's search engine slowed to a crawl; Yahoo reported "one of the biggest things" in its history; social networks Twitter and Facebook nearly collapsed under the weight of traffic. The Los Angeles Times experienced 12 million page views at its Web site, apparently because it was widely credited with confirming the death.

Whatever they say, many newspaper editors and TV news producers have begun to allow Web site hits and social media volume to function as a kind of sub rosa ratings system whose numbers dictate coverage and the play of news stories. What's wrong with that? For one thing, it leads to the sort of irrational excess we've all been through since Thursday. No reasonable editor or producer should ignore the kind of public interest we're seeing. But surrendering utterly to it ultimately undercuts what's genuinely valuable about serious news media.

A serious newspaper or broadcast news outlet must simultaneously be a mirror and a window to its audience—a look at themselves and an opening to the wider world.

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Of tourists and wings

As we contemplate the promise of Chinese tourism in the proximate tropics, one unremarkable footnote seemed obvious: China's tourists would arrive on airliners built in the United States (Boeing) or Europe (Airbus).

Well, this footnote might go out the window. In fact, so much is happening in the aviation realm that it's hard just to catch up with recent headlines. But it's worth a look. From the WWII "Marianas Turkey Shoot," to the launching of the *Enola Gay*, to the very transportation backbone of the tourism industry, aviation and the Commonwealth have longstanding ties.

Besides, flying is exciting. If you've got to look at business stuff (yawn), you might as well look at the cool stuff.

Building airliners is a very big deal. It's not only an issue of national prestige, but also one of high-value added productivity in a very advanced, demanding, and unforgiving industry.

So I dang near fell out of my chair when I read about a shiny new Airbus A320 that rolled off the assembly line last week. It did so in Tianjin.

Hey, wait a minute; Tianjin ain't in France. It's in China. Wow! If you need any further evidence that China is gaining industrial momentum, well, here it is.

And as for China the consumer, as opposed to China the producer, China is the second largest market for commercial aircraft now, and over the next 20 years is expected to need anywhere from 2,800 to 3,400 commercial aircraft according to the estimates I've seen.

How does diabetes cause damage?

By DAVID KHORRAM, M.D.
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

You probably know that diabetes is a disease characterized by high blood sugar. It's the high blood sugar that causes damage throughout your body. But how? Your body is made up of cells that combine to form tissues, which in turn combine to form organs. The cells of your body need oxygen to stay alive and do their job. When you take a breath, your lungs take in the air around you and extract the oxygen from it. Your lungs then transfer the oxygen to your blood. Your heart then pumps this oxygen-rich blood throughout your body. The blood travels from the heart to the cells that need the oxygen through a system of blood vessels—first large blood vessels that divide many times, like the branches of a tree, until the blood travels through the tiniest

That's a lot of airplanes. And that's going to mean a lot of tourists going somewhere, be it the Commonwealth or elsewhere.

Twenty-year estimates are bound to veer off target, but, still, we're talking major stuff here. If China is such an important market for airliners, and if China is now building Airbus planes, who do you think has the edge in landing future orders?

As of last year, Boeing had more aircraft in China than Airbus did. But Airbus' Chinese partnership is surely going to shake things up big time.

Boeing has, for a long time, had parts of planes made in China (and in Japan, too, incidentally). And here is some trivia: When the intrepid William Boeing started his company, his very first engineer was Wong Tsou, who was born in Beijing and who was hired by Boeing in 1916.

In other words, it was a Chinese guy who was one of the founding fathers of commercial aviation.

I was aware of this only because I saw a small plaque dedicated to Mr. Tsou at Boeing's museum in Seattle. I've been to the Louvre and I've been to the Prado, and, baby, Boeing is better.

Unfortunately for Boeing, its bets haven't been jackpot city this summer. Its 787 "Dreamliner" aircraft, which was a mondo-important strategic risk, has faced yet another delay in development. This thing is something like two years late. This thing is being much discussed. Not good. Advantage, Airbus.

But, yikes! This stuff can't stand still: I just found out, via a text

of blood vessels called capillaries. The capillaries are like the twigs feeding the leaves of a tree. They carry the oxygen-rich blood to the cells and tissues awaiting the oxygen.

Without oxygen, the cells and the tissues and organs that are made up of those cells die and stop functioning properly. Anything that interferes with delivery of oxygen from your lungs to the cells that need the oxygen causes the cells to die. So, you can see that if high blood sugar damages blood vessels—the pipes that carry and deliver the oxygen—the oxygen cannot be delivered efficiently to the cells and they die. This is the basis upon which most damage from diabetes happens.

You probably know someone with diabetes who has had a toe or a foot amputated. The high blood sugar from diabetes damages the small blood vessels in the feet, leading to amputations. High blood sugar damages the small blood vessels in the kidneys, causing kid-

Answers can be found in questions

By GREGORY RODRIGUEZ
SPECIAL TO THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

With apologies to Nike, if the United States were a for-profit venture, its slogan would be "Just do it." Few would dispute the notion that we are an action-oriented people. From an early age, Americans are bombarded with the message that actions speak louder than words and that talk is cheap.

Who among us as a child opening birthday presents really believed the moral that it's the thought that counts? Come on!

To the extent that we do value thinking, it's usually as a means to action. We're taught to want solutions, find answers, get to the bottom of things. We pride ourselves in our pragmatism. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once put it, "Nothing astonishes men so much as common sense and plain dealing." That's so American.

OK, I'm not about to repeat the hackneyed liberal charge that we are a nation of unthinking dolts, or H.L. Mencken's famous dictum about "the booboisie." I think our orientation toward action has a lot to do with the fact that our country was founded on and built around some rather lofty ideas: freedom, equality, liberty. You can envision U.S. history as the constant uphill battle of trying to turn those ideas into reality. In the beginning, there were ideas. They demanded action.

The reality is, we don't see a big dichotomy between action and knowledge. Knowledge gets us where we want to go. In fact, now

more than ever, Americans seem to have a grasp of this fact or the other. Having flattened the world of news and knowledge, the younger generations, in particular, have trillions of facts at their fingertips. "Search" has made us all drive-by scholars.

This, according to liberal think-tanker Andrea Batista Schlesinger, has only heightened our collective "obsession with answers." The problem, she says, is that we're less and less likely to be engaged in the questions. Quick access to facts has made us too impatient to engage in lengthy deliberation, "deep inquiry" or discernment.

In her new book, "The Death of Why?," Batista Schlesinger—until recently, the executive director of the Drum Major Institute for Public Policy in New York—makes a passionate case for inquiry qua inquiry. She links the future of the American Experiment to the extent to which we teach our children how to ask questions.

Even as society more and more limits its definition of civic engagement to results-oriented activism, Batista Schlesinger defines it as teaching Americans to discuss problems and giving them the intellectual skills to navigate our democracy.

For example, she acknowledges the uptick in youth political involvement in the Obama era—they voted, gave money, sent e-mails. She nonetheless questions young people's depth of engagement in the political process. She suggests that it's not enough to mobilize people to advocate for this or that position. What's more important is cultivating long-term patient "skills of inquiry, problem solving and creative thinking." As Batista Schlesinger puts it, "We have the

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message (from a Boeing pilot), that Airbus has its neck on the line. Hmm, let me see here. OK, here we go: The *Times* (a British newspaper) is reporting on its web site that, in the wake of the fatal June 1 A330 crash, Airbus might face a European call to ground its entire long-range fleet. Advantage, Boeing.

As for Tianjin's action, cranking up an Airbus assembly line is not going to be an immediate boon to the Asian tourism industry. But in the long run, it speaks to China's incredible economic evolution and, yes, its eventual status as an important source of tourists. Advantage, whoever is smart enough to join the game.

So what will this mean for the Commonwealth? I have some definite ideas on that note, which I'll cover later this month. And, who knows, maybe someday we'll be placing bets on when a Chinese made airliner will land on Saipan for the first time.

ney failure and dialysis. High blood sugar damages the small blood vessels in the heart and the brain, causing heart attacks and strokes. And high blood sugar from diabetes damages the small blood vessels in the eyes, causing vision loss and blindness. The complications from diabetes are all from high blood sugar and damage to small blood vessels through the body. The damaged blood vessels cannot deliver the oxygen, and the cells and tissues die. This is why controlling the blood sugar is so important.

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mistaken belief that even the most pressing challenges facing our country—climate change, globalization, health care, poverty—are problems to be "fixed" once and for all, if only we can find the right solution and the right person to implement."

This overwhelming preference for outcome over process is part of what has led to the ideological polarization of the country. The desire for certainty—hard facts, quick answers—in an uncertain world leads people to take refuge in political or religious ideology. Ideological solutions—whether from the left or the right—generally offer us simple answers to complex problems.

In a way, Batista Schlesinger is asking us to take a step back from politics in order to gain newfound respect for the political process. She advocates for what she calls "slow democracy."

She's also asking us for a little humility and to embrace a healthy dose of doubt. Our salvation lies in our willingness to rethink the world in its ever-changing configurations.

"What we need to acknowledge, now more than ever," she writes, "is that we do not know everything. We cannot know everything. Knowledge changes. ... The future is a moving target, and the ground beneath us will never be still. The only thing we can count on to see us through an uncertain future is our ability to ask questions."

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Letters to the Editor

Fly your US, NMI flags proudly

Liberation Day... a day to remember, a day to reminisce, a day to say "thank you" to all the men and women for their ultimate sacrifice for the freedom we all enjoy today. Please fly your flags proudly

and with honor and say a prayer or two for all of our CNMI sons and daughters who are currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and other overseas duty station. Let's pray for their safe return

to their love once, and may God bless America (CNMI) and its people.

Happy Liberation Day!

Joseph M. Palacios
Dandan, Saipan

HQT policies for administrators

My remarks refer to the article about PSS and the funding they are going to receive. My concern is the usage of said funding, more directly in adhering to their own HQT policies. It has been several months that a concern regarding administrators and their qualifications were brought up during a board meeting and as of this date

there has not been a significant response or adequate placement of standards. What's the explanation now? I know for a fact there were applications for these positions and based on standard job requirements and degrees they have been and continually been ignored. My suspicions are confirmed due to the political






environment we all live in. There is no other explanation other than pure ignorance of set policies and gross neglect of them. Can anyone or does anyone dare take up this issue because I certainly will in this upcoming school year!

Tom G.A. Quitugua
Sinapalo Village, Rota

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲89° ▼79°	▲89° ▼70°	▲80° ▼70°	▲80° ▼70°	▲80° ▼70°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Clear	▲87 ▼74
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼75
Yap	Cloudy	▲85 ▼75
Chuuk	Cloudy	▲88 ▼77
Pohnpei	Cloudy	▲87 ▼75
Kosrae	Cloudy	▲89 ▼75
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	▲82 ▼75

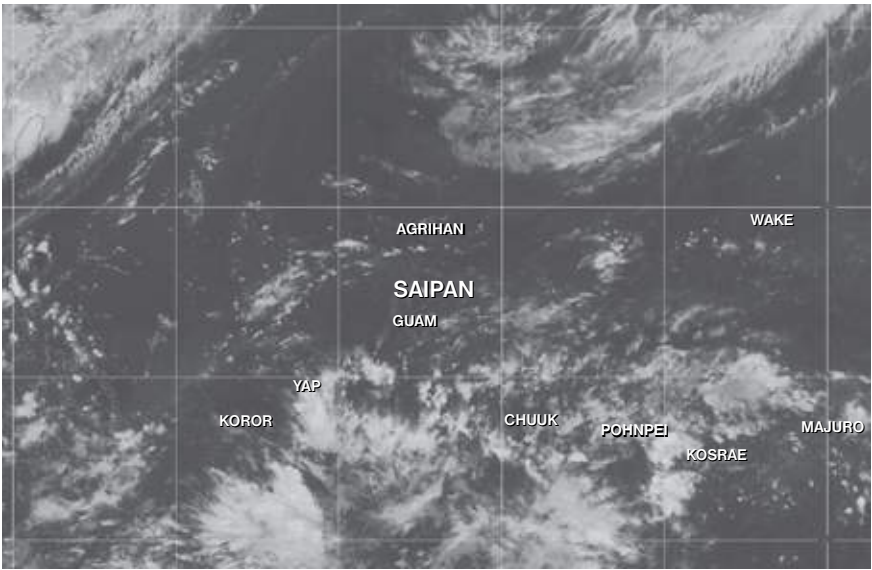
Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲60 ▼51
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲100 ▼74
Hong Kong	Rain	▲88 ▼81
Honolulu	Sunny	▲88 ▼75
London	Cloudy	▲82 ▼59
Los Angeles	Cloudy	▲80 ▼64
Manila	Rain	▲87 ▼78
Melbourne	Showers	▲55 ▼49
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼77
New York	Thundershowers	▲79 ▼67
Osaka	Thunderstorms	▲79 ▼69
Paris	Showers	▲88 ▼67
Pusan	Sunny	▲80 ▼68
Rome	Cloudy	▲87 ▼68
Salem	Sunny	▲90 ▼51
San Francisco	Showers	▲81 ▼66
Seoul	Rain	▲77 ▼70
Tokyo	Rain	▲80 ▼69
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲82 ▼66

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
3:24 AM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
11:17 AM Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet	
6:49 PM Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet	
11:11 PM Today	Low Tide:	1.4 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2009
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak cold front extends southwestward from 25N159E to 23N155E to end near 23N150E. Cloudiness and patchy rain are found near Minami Tori Shima along and up to 150 miles north of the front. A broad trough extends across Micronesia between 5N and 10N eastward from 130E to near 165E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms triggered by convergent winds associated with the trough are developing in three areas across Micronesia. One area east of Yap is bounded by a line from EQ133E to 11N142E to 5N147E to EQ140E back to EQ133E. The second area is southeast of Chuuk within 125 miles of a line from 5N153E to 1N157E. The third area is between Pohnpei and Kosrae within 50 miles of a line from 6N161E to 4N160E to 2N161E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers west of Kwajalein between 7N and 12N from 163E to 166E, and just north of Majuro within 50 miles of a line from 8N171E to 8N172E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:51 AM	6:52 PM
Sunday	5:51 AM	6:52 PM
Monday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Tuesday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:27 PM	2:07 AM
Saturday	4:21 PM	2:53 AM
Sunday	5:13 PM	3:42 AM
Monday	6:03 PM	4:33 AM
Tuesday	6:50 PM	5:25 AM

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SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO) NW78 9:00am 11:40am Daily	NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN NW77 9:10pm 1:40am+1 Daily
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FRE 100 7:00am 7:30am Daily				FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 100 7:50am 8:20am Daily				FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 200 9:00am 9:30am Daily				FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
FRE 200 9:50am 10:15am Daily							
Guam-Rota				Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 300 4:00pm 4:30pm Daily				FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 300 4:50pm 5:25pm Daily				FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 400 6:00pm 6:30pm Daily				FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 400 6:45pm 7:15pm Daily				FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 101 6:45am 6:55am Daily				FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 103 7:30am 7:40am Daily				FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 105 8:00am 8:10am Daily				FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 107 8:40am 8:50am Daily				FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 109* 9:10am 9:20am Daily				FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily
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Tinian sets example for the rest of the world

In these times of economic hardship for most residents of planet Earth, the simple-living people who inhabit one of the tiniest islands in the farthest reaches of the vast Pacific Ocean are a shining example of what our species can be. They are making their own hard lives easier to bear, by *helping each other*. According to maia, the lady who came to Tinian to "retire" and instead founded the "Helping-Hands Books & Donation Center" that she runs, most of those who live on Tinian have been bringing her whatever they don't use, so she can make it available to those who need it.

The model self-help program was started in early 2006, in her second floor flat at Fina's Apartments, by this book-loving philosopher/writer, as a

HOW TO HELP

Helping-Hands Books & Donation Center

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Tel: (670) 433-9993

E-mail:

maid3maia@hotmail.com

Website:

www-saysmom.com

worked for the huge Cummins company in Australia, held a book drive at their headquarters and generous corporate heads paid for the shipping of a full pallet of cartons filled with books of all descriptions, even several full sets of encyclopedias and hundreds of *National Geographic* magazines. With the aid of flyers maia posted all over town and on her apartment windows, she was soon opening her door to readers of all ages,



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy "We love to read" gang in Fina's Apartment's first free books center.

place where all on Tinian could get free books. While helping aspiring writers all over the world by e-mail (also for free), maia responded to offers to pay her, which she doesn't allow, by telling what she calls her "mentees" to instead send reading material they don't need to the book-starved people of Tinian, since there was no place on the island where one could buy any, and poorly paid islanders couldn't afford to buy them anyway. That began what would grow into a full-fledged donation center, almost on its own.

Just weeks after first adding an appeal to all of her e-mails, a writer she had helped, who

who were overjoyed to learn of such unexpected kindness from total strangers. Included in the shipment were hundreds of brand new polo shirts and tees, a further gift from the company itself, which is why you see so many Tinian residents walking around with the Cummins logo on their chests.

Boxes of books continued to flow onto maia's shelves (built or donated by locals) from those she helped with writing, from all over the States and other parts of the globe. One large shipment came from a fellow who worked for BBC in London and convinced the national media giant to donate cartons full of brand new children's picture



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Connie Manglona's mom, Lorenza Manglona, right, and maia pose with the palette of books from Cummins.

The best thing about the Donation Center is that so many of us have learned how easy it is, how good it feels to help each other.

books. Other donors even included a Hollywood screenwriter, along with just ordinary folk who scraped together the costly postage to share what they had with those in need. It might have

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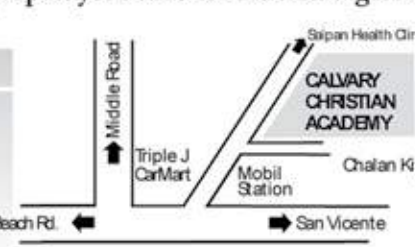




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stopped at only books, with no Donation Center to come, had it not been for those nice people in Australia.

But, another big-hearted employee maia had never helped with writing and had never even heard of learned about the books drive and e-mailed Tinian's "book lady" (as maia was by then known), to ask if there were other needed things she could collect and send, as Christmas gifts for the children. A sizable list was immediately zipped back to her and two pallets of cartons arrived just in time for maia to arrange for the first of what has become a yearly "Christmas Giveaway" program. This past holiday season was the third year in a row that families in need could go there and select a gift for each child.

Nothing beyond the free books program would have been possible, states maia, if not for the assistance of two generous local benefactors, Connie Manglona and Edu Villagomez. When the enormous second shipment ar-



This girl has the biggest little smile after receiving a Christmas gift.

rived from Australia, with clothing and so many other items that there was no room to display or distribute it, Manglona offered a house she owned out in Marpo Valley, free of rent.

Thus was the Helping-Hands Donation Center born. Months later, when the property was needed for the airport construction firm to house its workers there, Villagomez made a house



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The front room of the Helping-Hands Books & Donation Center that maia runs on Tinian.

on his farm available, also rent-free, to keep the Center going, since by then people were coming in on a regular basis, to find things they needed and couldn't afford to buy. The next move

was to the Center's present location in San Jose Village, behind the Mayor's offices. A roomy duplex, it allows maia to have an apartment in one half, with the Center occupying the other.

"A major improvement from having it all in my front room," she says. "I hope everyone who reads this will tell everyone they know about the Center, so the few who haven't heard about it already will know there's a place they can go, for things they can't afford."

"It's really wonderful," maia added. "In no time at all, people who came to the Center to get clothing and things they needed got used to bringing me whatever they had around the house

son to get it going and centers like ours can have people helping each other in all parts of our troubled world."

CNMI can be proud that Tinian is the first in what this 70-year-old mother of seven and grandmother of 17 hopes will be a worldwide shift to the practice of "mutual aid"—people helping people in a way that costs them absolutely nothing. All it does is make use of everything, letting nothing go to waste and none go without. She says her greatest wish is that this article will be picked up by international syndicators and reprinted in newspapers all over the world, so donation centers like hers will eventually sprout everywhere there are people in need.

And she doesn't stop there, either. Other projects this busy "little old lady," as she calls herself, are a similarly-community-based series of shelters for abused women and their children, called "My Sisters' Keeper Shelters" and "The P.A.X. Center," that will be an international conference center, think tank, and peace village, "where activists from all over the planet can gather, make their headquarters, and hopefully come up with ways to 'curb the aggressive tendencies of our race.'"

If Connie Manglona has her way, maia's plans will become real, as this member of a well-known local family is executive director of the umbrella organization for all of the projects, "The Matera Community," and



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These three children help carry inside the pallet with 39 boxes containing books.

that wasn't needed, to give to those who could use it. So now everything given away, other than most of the books, comes from the people on Tinian themselves. And we get by with no official support whatsoever. It's as though the people who run things don't even want to know we exist, which is really a shame, since it's their own people who are being helped here."


All it took, she said, was the "kick start" that the kind people at Cummins provided. "My hope is to get this to spread all over the world, as a virus would. A 'good' virus. One that can cure hopelessness and the terrible feeling of being alone that those in great need feel. All it takes is one per-

has donated land for both the shelter and the peace center.

"The best thing about the Donation Center," says Manglona, "is that so many of us have learned how easy it is, how good it feels to help each other. Local businesses, Kim's Market, Huangshun, SM Store and shop owner Frances Diaz have also been generous, donating new items now and then and things for the Christmas giveaway program. We're hoping more local shops will catch the spirit and join in. Even school kids have given a hand, with toy collection drives. I'm honored to be a part of maia's dreams and so glad I can help them come true." (Saipan Tribune)

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Govt tries to settle \$8.2M MRC debt

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REPORTER

The government is working with businessman Anthony Pellegrino to "vacate" a court order involving some \$8.2 million in government debt and interests to the Marine Revitalization Corp.

In April, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman denied the Department of Lands and Natural Resources' motion for a temporary stay of a court order that required DLNR to pay \$20,000 on or before April 1, 2009 to Pellegrino and his MRC.

The court's \$5.65 million judgment that was issued in 2005 has been earning an interest of \$540,000 a year.

Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos yesterday said the amount has so far reached some \$8.2 million, for which the government does not have money to pay.

"The order is giving us a lot of concerns, that's why we want to get into a settlement discussion so that we can vacate the order and just work between us and hopefully we will reach an agreement. Mr. Pellegrino is very cooperative as well," Inos said in a news briefing yesterday.

Inos met with members of the Legislature and Pellegrino on the settlement issue.

The dispute started in 2001 when the government not only failed to bar commercial vessels from renting slip space at Smiling Cove, but also actively solicited commercial lessees,

instead of encouraging them to use MRC's Outer Cove Marina. MRC built the Outer Cove Marina in the mid-'90s, with the goal of turning it over to the government.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial yesterday said the MRC debt is another example of "political creation" that happened several years ago, even before he came into office.

"Because of politics, an \$840,000 problem grew to almost \$10 million," he said.

In 2005, DLNR agreed to a judgment of the court ordering it to pay more than \$5 million to MRC or Pellegrino. DLNR, however, did not comply with the order that resulted to the court's three judgments, including the one issued in April.

NMC nursing instructor retires



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Retiring Northern Marianas College Nursing instructor Cindy Tice, center, poses with NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez, left, and NMC Nursing Department chair Pasquana Calvo. Tice was awarded a plaque of appreciation for serving and teaching for over a decade at the college.

Nursing instructor Cindy Tice is retiring from the Northern Marianas College after 11 years of teaching and making a positive difference in the lives of many students.

"Cindy has been a respected and well-loved member of the Northern Marianas College family for more than a decade," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez. "She has been extremely effective in making a positive impact not only on NMC's nursing program, but also in the educational advancement of our students."

"We will definitely miss her, and wish her well on her retirement," said Pas Calvo, acting chairperson of NMC's Nursing Department.

Tice had recently been awarded the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award by the College of Wooster, where she earned her bachelor's degree. The notification was made in a letter by David Gillis, who sits on the Wooster Alumni Board and who chairs the Distinguished Alumni Award Committee.

According to Gillis, the award is the "highest award given to our alumni by the Alumni Association and the College."

Tice was honored at the Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony in Ohio on June 5, 2009

as part of Wooster's Alumni Weekend event.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented annually to alumni who have distinguished themselves in one or more of the following areas: professional career; service to humanity; and service to Wooster. Alumni are selected who exemplify Wooster's dedication to excellence and its commitment to service.

Some of the recent recipients

of the award include Donald L. Kohn, vice chairman of the Federal Reserve; Stanley C. Gault, former CEO of Rubbermaid Corporation; Timothy P. Smucker, chairman of the J.M. Smucker Company; and Susan Q. Stranahan, Pulitzer Prize-winning writer.

"We congratulate Cindy and thank her for bringing such distinction to the College," said Fernandez. (NMC)

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Robert Torres tells court of Villagomez’s good virtues

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

Lawyer Robert T. Torres, who served as counsel for former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Anthony C. Guerrero in the Rydlyme corruption case, wrote a letter yesterday to the federal court to enumerate the good virtues of former Lt. Gov. Timothy P. Villagomez.

In a letter to U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson, Torres asked the judge to consider his comments in sentencing his cousin, Villagomez.

“[Villagomez] is a good man

who has committed a bad offense but Tim remains a brother and I remain grateful for his guiding hand in my formative years,” the former attorney general said.

Torres said he wrote the letter with the permission and knowledge of his client, Guerrero, and that it is of his own accord, unsolicited by any family member or counsel.

Torres said Villagomez is one of several mentors and persons who helped and shaped him in many ways.

“I have received the best of Tim Villagomez. While his conviction speaks for itself as a most serious failure in conduct, Tim

has virtues and Tim has been very much a part of the fabric in who I am today,” he said.

Torres recalled that in 1983, when he was just 16 years old, he moved to San Diego for his senior year in high school. Villagomez also transferred from Washington State University to San Diego State University.

“I was a raw and unfocused young man, despite my fairly decent grades and interests in literature and writing,” he said.

At one point in that school year, Torres said, Villagomez asked him of his plans after high school.

“I had none. My mentality was as isolated as the Saipan of

the time—limited in view and territorial in scope,” he said.

Torres said Villagomez asked him to show him his grades and test scores then explained to him what life beyond high school and Saipan could be.

Villagomez helped Torres fill out the application forms and took him to San Diego State University to submit the application.

“Sure enough, I was accepted there without any difficulty along with my friend and classmate Jeff Parsons,” the lawyer said.

As a freshman, Torres said he was unprepared and very undisciplined “and I still did not

understand what college was all about. Tim showed me.”

Villagomez at the time was a civil engineering major. His work ethic amazed Torres, particularly on study trips to the library on Friday evenings, Saturdays and even Sundays.


“It was difficult, with all the social opportunities with cousins and friends for parties, softball games, and every other reason to avoid studies,” Torres said.

He said Villagomez was patient with him in encouraging and suggesting that they should approach college in terms of putting in hours and that there would be plenty of time for parties and socializing.


“He guided me to develop a work ethic in persevering and in pursuing a degree,” Torres said. “It is no accident then that I went on to graduate school and later law school, doing well in those challenges, because of what I learned from Tim.”

“Tim remains to me someone whom I care for and whom I support unequivocally and without hesitation,” he added.

Last April 24, Villagomez, his sister Joaquina Santos, and his brother-in-law James Santos were convicted of conspiring to defraud the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Their sentencing is set for July 28, 2009.



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Lot No. 005 I 494, containing an area of 745 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 2084/82, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document Number 14232 dated May 14, 1982, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

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Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on July 17, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **\$82,230.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.


Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **July 16, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.** All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than **July 16, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.** Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.


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Dated this 16th day of June, 2009.

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The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 011 G 685

Containing an area of 845 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plate No. 011 G 14 dated December 1, 1993 , Commonwealth Recorder’s File No. 93-4182, dated December 3, 1993, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

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Lot No. 017 D 35, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 017 D 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as document number 4842, on the 11th day of September, 1975.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

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The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 008 T 114

Containing an area of 923 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 008 T 01 dated January 7, 1988, Commonwealth Recorder’s File No. 88-161, dated January 19, 1988, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference

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Lot No. 011 G 1091, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 20, the original of which was recorded 09 Dec 93 as Document No. 93-4288 at Commonwealth Recorder’s, Saipan.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on July 17, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **\$38,150.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.


Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **July 16, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.** All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than **July 16, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.** Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.


The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier’s check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.


Dated this 16th day of June, 2009.

/S/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director, NMHC

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NOTICE OF SALE

**UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST**

ANTONIA T. TEIGITA/ EFRAIN T. TEIGITA (collectively “Trustor”), on or about August 1, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (“Trustee”), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office (“USDA”), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America (“FmHA”), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on August 1, 1984 under Document No. 84-1366 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 003 B 16, and Containing an area of 1,117 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 003 B 02, the original of which was registered with the Land Commission as Document 5979, on the 4th day of April, 1977.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS**USS Charlotte arrives today**

The USS *Charlotte*, a 362-foot Los Angeles-class submarine with approximately 150 officers and crew, will arrive this morning, July 3. The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be represented at the onboard arrival briefing. The Chamber is urging everyone to help continue to build the CNMI's reputation as the preferred MWR (Morale, Welfare, and Recreation) destination in the Asia-Pacific region by warmly welcoming these sailors to the islands. Sailors from the vessel will participate in the Liberation Day parade. The *Charlotte* is scheduled to depart Tuesday morning. (PR)

Live fire releases on FDM set

The U.S. military will be conducting live fire releases (96 EBS) on the island of Farallon de Mendenilla on July 8 - 9, from 4pm to 1am.

The general location of this activity will be on the island of Farallon de Mendenilla training area (R7201) on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

Due to the danger imposed by this activity, the Emergency Management Office is strongly advising the public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—to stay away from this area during the time and date indicated.

For more information, contact the EMO Operations Section at telephone numbers 322-9528 and 322-9529, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0. (EMO)

Free lecture on Article 12 on July 7

The NMI Council for the Humanities is inviting the public to a lecture titled "Article 12, Claims to Culture and Political Rights: the Race vs. Political Identity Dilemma" at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theater on Tuesday, July 7, at 6pm. In her lecture, visiting law professor Rose Cuison Villazor will discuss the legal, historical and cultural relationships between Article 12 and other "blood quantum property laws" in American Samoa, Hawaii and other jurisdictions and situate them in constitutional jurisprudence.

Villazor, a former Saipan resident and 1991 graduate of Mt. Carmel High School, is an associate professor of Law at Hofstra University Law School. For more information, call 235-4785. (PR)

Saipan Mayor's Office sets new system for requests

Effective July 1, 2009, the Office of the Mayor of Saipan will no longer respond to requests for water delivery, picnic tables, road repair, coral delivery, and community service projects through telephone calls. Those making the request must go to the Mayor's Office in San Antonio and fill out the necessary form before service is rendered.

At times, these services are also temporarily stopped when fuel, oil and lubricant provisions are suspended by the fuel provider when payment to the vendor is not received on time from the Department of Finance. When this situation arises, Saipan Mayor Juan B. Tudela appeals to the public for their understanding until the fuel accounts are restored by the vendor. (PR)

Families asked to host KSKK students

The KSKK Students Exchange Program from Japan will be arriving on July 24 and will be on island through July 31, 2009.

Saipan Mayor Juan B. Tudela is asking residents, especially families who have children that have participated in the KSKK Students Exchange Program in the past, to welcome the Japanese students by bringing them into their home throughout the duration of their stay on the island.

Anyone who would like to sponsor a student may call the Saipan Mayor's Office at 234-6280 or 6208 during normal business hours, Monday to Friday, and ask for Jemalyn T. Tenorio, Youth Services Coordinator or Tony A. Benavente. (PR)

LISS offers free summer school

The Ladera International School of Saipan will offer free summer school programs for local resident students.

The program, which will cover grades 1 to 11, will run from July 6 to 31, 2009, Mondays to Fridays except holidays, from 7:30am to 2:20pm. Lunch will be \$3 per person per day or parents may choose to bring lunch from home.

Participants must be local residents with valid U.S. status, must be able to be on time for classes, must have own transportation to and from home and school, and must register with the school's administrative office for acceptance and confirmation.

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R07-013F	2005	AVEO HATCHBACK	AUTO	39164	ORANGE	ADO-022	9,599	6,899
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Business

BUSINESS BRIEFS

GM urges quick approval of sale plan

NEW YORK (AP)—Warning that the demise of General Motors Corp. would have a disastrous ripple effect over the entire U.S. economy, an attorney for the automaker called Wednesday for the speedy approval of GM's plan to sell the bulk of its assets and emerge from court oversight as a new company. GM attorney Harvey Miller said in a bankruptcy court hearing that the automaker's only option to the sale is liquidation. He noted the Treasury Department will cut off funding for the company's operations after July 10 if the sale is not approved by then. No other investors have stepped forward with an alternate plan

or to supply the more than \$50 billion in financing the Treasury will have put into GM before all is said and done, Miller said.

June jobless rate seen rising to 9.6 percent

WASHINGTON (AP)—Out-of-work with no place to land, the legions of America's unemployed are growing. The Labor Department is scheduled to release a report Thursday expected to show the nation's unemployment rate edging closer to double digits. Wall Street economists predict the jobless rate will rise to 9.6 percent in June from 9.4 percent in May. That would mark a 26-year high. The rising rate comes as recession-weary companies continue to cut workers.

Companies pledge more openness about Web tracking

Companies that track consumer behavior online for advertising purposes are vowing to make their practices more transparent and to give people a way to decline being shadowed. It's unclear how much of an effect the new policies will have. One consumer group said the changes don't go far enough, and that extensive profiles of people still will be collected without their complete consent. The new guidelines, which were due to be unveiled Thursday, represent the industry's attempt at self-regulation as Congress and the Federal Trade Commission have been examining online behavioral advertising. (AP)

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Nation

New Dem health plan has public option, lower cost

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democrats on a key Senate Committee outlined a revised and far less costly health care plan Wednesday night that includes a government-run insurance option and an annual fee on employers who do not offer coverage to their workers.

The plan carries a 10-year price tag of slightly over \$600 billion, and would lead toward an estimated 97 percent of all Americans having coverage, according to the Congressional Budget Office, Sens. Edward M. Kennedy and Chris Dodd said in a letter to other members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. The AP obtained a copy.

By contrast, an earlier, incomplete proposal carried a price tag of roughly \$1 trillion and would have left millions uninsured, CBO analysts said in mid-June.

The letter indicated the cost and coverage improvements resulted from two changes. The first calls for a government-run health insurance option to compete with private coverage plans, an option that has drawn intense opposition from Republicans.

"We must not settle for legislation that merely gestures at reform," the two Democrats wrote. "We must deliver on the

promise of true change."

Additionally, the revised proposal calls for a \$750 annual fee on employers for each full-time worker not offered coverage through their job. The fee would be set at \$375 for part-time workers. Companies with fewer than 25 employees would be exempt. The fee was forecast to generate \$52 billion over 10 years, money the government would use to help provide subsidies to those who cannot afford insurance.

The same provision is also estimated to greatly reduce the number of workers whose employers would drop coverage, thus addressing a major concern noted by CBO when it reviewed the earlier proposals.

Kennedy, D-Mass., and Dodd, D-Conn., circulated their letter a few days before lawmakers return from their July 4 vacation, with the Health Committee one of several panels expected to take action on health care legislation that President Barack Obama has placed atop his domestic agenda.

Kennedy, the committee chairman, was diagnosed with a brain tumor more than a year ago and has been absent from the Senate for weeks, although he and his aides have been heavily involved in the delib-

erations on a health care bill. Dodd, the next senior Democrat on the committee, has presided at committee sessions and taken an increasingly public role.

With its government option, the proposal is unlikely to gain any bipartisan support in the committee.

Separately, Democrats and Republicans on the Senate Finance Committee are at work trying to reach agreement on an alternative that calls for creation of nonprofit cooperatives to sell insurance in competition with private industry. Agreement has been elusive on that and other issues, and it is not clear whether a deal is possible before Democrats opt for a more partisan approach.

In their letter, Kennedy and Dodd said the Congressional Budget Office "has carefully reviewed our complete bill, and we are pleased to report that CBO has scored it at \$611.4 billion over 10 years, with the new coverage provisions scored at \$597 billion. ...The completed bill virtually eliminates the dropping of currently covered employees from employer-sponsored health plans.

ACROSS THE NATION

SC gov's revelations befuddle residents, lawmakers

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—South Carolina residents—and the simply curious around the world—have watched Gov. Mark Sanford's lovelorn saga unfold, the central character spewing an odd script that would seem more appropriate for a soap opera than state government. Top South Carolina Republicans and at least a half-dozen newspapers are calling for his resignation. Constituents are scratching their heads at their governor's soul-baring declarations that he considers his Argentine mistress his "soul mate" but is trying to salvage his 20-year marriage. "I just think he needs to shut up," said Democratic Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter, a social worker and one of the few lawmakers who doesn't think he needs to resign. "I don't want any more details of his love life. He needs to stop being public with his angst and talk to a counselor."

Masses yearn to huddle in Liberty's reopened crown

NEW YORK (AP)—It's crowded. It's hot. You have to climb hundreds of steps to get there. And throngs of people can't wait to visit. Unfortunately, many will

have to. Tickets sold out fast for the July Fourth reopening of the Statue of Liberty's crown, closed since shortly after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Aaron Weisinger, a 26-year-old from Walnut Creek, Calif., was one of the lucky ones. He will be part of the first group of tourists in eight years to climb the 354 steps, 146 of them up a narrow spiral staircase, to stand atop the statue's head and peer from under the spikes of her crown.

1 dead, 4 hurt in SoCal dental office shooting

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP)—A gunman opened fire inside a busy dental office in an apparent domestic dispute Wednesday, killing one woman and critically wounding three others, police said. A fourth person was grazed by a bullet. The suspect—wearing shorts, no shirt and with a shaved head—barricaded himself inside the Family Dental Care office, police Sgt. Karl Becker said. He surrendered after a hostage negotiator coaxed him out about an hour after the shootings. Detectives did not release a motive or identify the suspect. But the Ventura County Star newspaper reported that a dental office worker said the gunman was married to the slain victim.

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Asia

RP ex-president Aquino ‘very ill’

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Cancer-stricken former Philippine President Corazon Aquino has been admitted to a hospital in serious condition, her spokeswoman said Wednesday.

The 76-year-old democracy icon was admitted to the intensive care unit last week after she stopped eating, spokeswoman Deedee Sytangco told The Associated Press.



Aquino

Aquino, who has been fighting stage-four colon cancer, was receiving nourishment in the hospital, Sytangco said. The former leader was “not very well,” but was not in pain and had not been placed on life support, she said. Aquino was diagnosed with the disease last year. She had been undergoing chemotherapy, but was no

longer receiving treatment, Sytangco said. “We hope that people will support her and pray for her,” Sytangco said. Aquino was a humble homemaker propelled to politics by the 1983 assassination of her husband, opposition leader Benigno “Ninoy” Aquino. She later led a peaceful uprising in 1986 that toppled late dictator Ferdinand Marcos and became a harbinger of nonviolent protests around the world.


ASIAN BRIEFS

Major military operation under way in Afghanistan
KABUL (AP)—Thousands of U.S. Marines and hundreds of Afghan troops moved into Taliban-infested villages with armor and helicopters early Thursday in the first major operation under President Barack Obama’s revamped strategy to stabilize Afghanistan. The offensive in the once-forgotten war was launched shortly after 1 a.m. Thursday local time in Helmand province, a Taliban stronghold in the southern part of the country and the world’s largest opium poppy producing area. The goal is to clear insurgents from the

hotly contested Helmand River Valley before the nation’s Aug. 20 presidential election. Dubbed Operation Khanjar, or “Strike of the Sword,” the military push was described by officials as the largest and fastest-moving of the war’s new phase. British forces last week led similar missions to fight and clear out insurgents in Helmand and neighboring Kandahar provinces.

Report: NKorea likely to fire barrage of missiles
SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea is highly likely to test-fire a barrage of missiles in coming days, a news report said

Thursday, a move that would aggravate the already-high tensions following Pyongyang’s nuclear test and U.N. sanctions. The North is expected to launch short- or medium-range missiles, including banned ballistic rockets, from two sites on its east coast in early July, the South Korean newspaper JoongAng Ilbo reported, citing an unidentified intelligence source. Last month, Pyongyang designated a no-sail zone off its east coast for military drills through July 10. Media reports have said the missile launches could come around July 4, the U.S. Independence Day. The North tested a long-range missile on that day in 2006



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At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification from firms should address the areas generally described below: (This project is primarily an architectural type project)

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- A/E Design experience related to projects federally funded in whole or in part;
- Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with the federally funded projects;
- The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for projects, and the firm’s professional integrity and competence; and
- Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable. Interested firms must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies each of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, July 17, 2009.**


Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330. Only firms who have established an office in the Commonwealth and a valid business license will be considered.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

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/s/ EFRAIN F. CAMACHO
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Date: June 25, 2009



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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE LOADING BRIDGES PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-004-09

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for Preventive Maintenance of the Loading Bridges at the Saipan International Airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work entails providing preventive maintenance services for four (4) loading bridges. The detailed scope of work will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on **Friday, June 26, 2009**. Proposers must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work. All responses to this RFP shall also take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: “Proposal for the Preventive Maintenance of the Loading Bridges at the Saipan International Airport”. One original and four (4) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier’s check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.


The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA’s best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MR. EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO. CPA-TA-002-08

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms for Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Design Services.

The general scope of work is for A/E design services for general improvements to be made to the departure and arrival terminals at the Tinian International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. These improvements consist of, but are not limited to, electrical stub-out extensions aluminum storefront door and window system, sanitary sewer system, including grease trap interceptors, air-conditioning of VIP Lounge at new terminal, installation of rollout conveyor doors, replacement of automatic doors and aluminum storefront system at existing terminal building, lightning protection and grounding system, repainting work at existing terminal, baggage handling conveyor system, replacement of existing wooden fascia at the existing terminal building, replacement of roof tiles and waterproofing of existing terminal building roof, new furniture for departure terminal, renovation of restrooms at existing terminal building, renovation of storefront door leading to apron side at existing terminal building, general renovation to newly completed terminal departure building, and fencing of transformer area.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification from firms should address the areas generally described below: (This project is primarily an architectural type project).

- Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
- A/E Design experience related to projects federally funded in whole or in part;
- Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with the federally funded projects;
- The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for projects, and the firm’s professional integrity and competence; and
- Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable. Interested firms must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies each of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, July 24, 2009.**


Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330. Only firms who have established an office in the Commonwealth and a valid business license will be considered.

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ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF PAINT SUPPLIES PROJECT NO. CPA-RIA-001-09

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the Procurement and Delivery of Paint Supplies to the Rota International Airport.

The scope of work entails the purchase and delivery of new paint supplies for the terminal building at the Rota International Airport. The detailed scope of work will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on Friday, June 19, 2009. Proposers must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work. All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all shipping costs and taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: “Proposal for the Procurement and Delivery of New Paint Supplies for the Rota International Airport Terminal Building”. One original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.


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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MR. EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
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Date: June 17, 2009



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management services for the Saipan International Airport Runway 07/25 Rehabilitation, Package II Phase II Project, AIP No. 3-69-0002-53/58, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification from firms should address the areas generally described below:

- Overall construction management experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
- Key personnel’s professional background and caliber and availability for the proposed services;
- Firms must have a valid CNMI Business License and the ability to perform the construction management activities in the CNMI; and
- Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable.

Interested firms must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies each of their statements of professional qualifications for each service offered no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, July 10, 2009.**


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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF WHEELCHAIR RAMP/LIFT PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-003-09

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the Procurement and Delivery of three (3) new aircraft ramps, one each to the Saipan International Airport, Tinian International Airport and Rota International Airport.

The scope of work entails the purchase and delivery of one (1) wheelchair ramp/lift with the capability to and from an aircraft for each airport. The detailed scope of work will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on Friday, June 19, 2009. Proposers must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work. All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all shipping costs and taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: “Proposal for the Procurement and Delivery of Wheelchair Ramp/Lift to the Saipan International Airport, Tinian International Airport and Rota International Airport”. One original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier’s check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MR. EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
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Date: June 18, 2009



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Lotus Brand Rice SALE \$24.99 50 lbs.	Royal Thai Lady Rice Limit 1 SALE \$27.99 50 lbs.	Diamond G Rice Limit 1 SALE \$34.99	Mackerel Pike and Horse Mackerel 22 lbs. SALE \$20.99 /case	Milk Fish SALE \$1.19 /lb. SALE \$46.99 /case	Tilapia 99¢ /lb. SALE \$37.99 /case
Ichiban Original SALE \$7.99 Limit 1 Case	Salad Oil 5 Gallon Limit 1 SALE \$22.99	Puriss Water SALE \$4.99 500 ml /case SALE \$9.95 2 Liter /case	Rits Soda All Flavor SALE \$10.99 /case Limit 1 Case	Max Beer Limit 1 Case SALE \$14.99 /case	HITE Beer SALE \$15.50 /case Limit 1 Case

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Hormel Chili (No Beans) SALE \$1.59 Limit 12	Hormel Corned Beef Hash SALE \$1.79 Limit 12	Master A1 Tuna SALE 89¢ Limit 6	Coco Tuna SALE 99¢ Limit 6	Coco Mackerel SALE \$1.29 /each	Ligo Sardines SALE 3 for \$1.00 Limit 12	Black Label Luncheon Meat SALE \$1.39 Limit 12
Armour Vienna Sausage SALE 49¢ /each	Ox & Plum Corned Beef SALE \$2.29 /each Limit 12	Del Monte Kernel Corn SALE 69¢	Del Monte Fruit Cocktail SALE \$3.99	Del Monte Spaghetti Sauce All Flavors SALE \$1.29	Hosen Fruit Cocktail SALE \$3.95	Pasta Select SALE 99¢
Lemon Powder SALE \$4.95	Golden State Vinegar SALE \$2.99	Sugar SALE \$1.59 /kg.	Kikkoman Limit 1 Cs. (6 bts) SALE \$3.89 1.6 lb.	Fresco Cooking Oil SALE \$7.99	Argo Cornstarch SALE 85¢	Excellent Rice Stick 80 oz. SALE 99¢
Dragon Brand Vegetable Oil SALE 7.99 1 Gal.	Sunkist All Flavors SALE \$5.95 /case	Wilkins Water 4,000 ml. SALE \$1.99 /ea	Lipton Iced Tea 38 qrt. SALE \$5.95	Nestea 28 qts. SALE \$5.99	Zest-O Juice All Flavors SALE \$1.95	
Morton Salt SALE 69¢	Vlasic Dill Pickles SALE \$6.99 Whole SALE \$5.95 Whole	Ajinomoto 1 lb. SALE 99¢	Tang 22 quarts SALE \$5.99	Kimchee Base 450 G. SALE \$4.95	Dinty Moore Stew (Beef, Chicken and Meat Ball) SALE \$1.49 /15 oz.	

FROZEN FOOD

Chopped Ham SALE \$7.99 /5 lbs. SALE \$15.99 /10 lbs.	Pork Riblets SALE \$10.99 /cs.	Beef Rib Finger SALE \$2.99 /lb.	Ground Pork SALE \$16.99 /10 lbs.	Ground Beef SALE \$15.99 /10 lbs.	Pork Butt Slab Only SALE \$1.79 /lb.
Bar S Hot Links SALE \$1.99 /4 pcs.	Miller Sausage SALE \$14.99 /pkg.	Hoffy Portuguese Sausage SALE \$1.99 /pkg.	Family Bag Special Pork Hocks \$8.95 Pork Belly \$10.95 Pork Adobo \$9.95 Pork Spareribs \$6.95 Pork Chops \$13.95 Beef Stew \$13.95 Beef Backribs \$8.95 Beef Shortribs \$15.95 Stewing Chicken \$5.95 Quarter Legs \$5.95		
Chicken Winggets SALE \$9.99 /5 lbs.	Bar S Bacon SALE \$2.49 /pkg.	Bar S Jumbo Franks SALE \$1.05 /pkg.	Dragon King Shrimp 26/30 SALE \$3.99 /lb.	Green Mussels SALE \$4.99 /5 lbs.	Vega Shrimp SALE \$4.99 /lb.

NON-FOOD

Bounty Basic 8 Rolls SALE \$7.95	Toilet Tissue 10 Rolls SALE \$3.95	Jubilee Tissue 24 Rolls SALE \$8.99	Korean Facial Tissue 3 Packs SALE \$4.50	Cottonelle Tissue 12 Rolls SALE \$3.99	Safeguard Bar Soap SALE 56¢ /each
Luvs Diapers Big Box All Sizes SALE \$16.95	Gain Liquid Detergent SALE \$4.99	Suavitel 850 ml. SALE \$1.59	Adult Diapers SALE \$7.95	Joy Dishwashing Liquid 90 oz. SALE \$5.99	Tide 3 kg. SALE \$3.95
Clorox 96 oz. SALE \$2.99	Creamsilk Conditioner 200 ml. SALE \$1.99	White Rain Shampoo & Conditioner 590 ml. 2 for \$2.95	Axxion Foam Plates 125 ct. SALE \$6.95	Butane Gas SALE \$21.99 /can 2	

PRODUCE

Potato (Jumbo) SALE 79¢ /lb.	Orange SALE 89¢ /lb.	Gala/Fiji Apple SALE \$3.99 /pkg.	Banana SALE 99¢ /lb.
Red Onion SALE 99¢ /lb.	Onion SALE 59¢ /lb.	Garlic SALE 89¢ /pack-4 pcs.	U.S. Eggs Extra Large SALE \$1.99 /doz.

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World

Teen clung to Comoros plane wreckage for 13 hours

MORONI, Comoros (AP)—The lone survivor of a Yemeni jetliner crash, who clung to wreckage for 13 hours before being rescued, lay in a hospital bed with a broken collarbone Wednesday, asking for little—except for a chance to see her mother.

But relatives said 14-year-old Bahia Bakari was too traumatized to be told her mother was feared dead, along with 151 others on board the Yemenia Airways flight.

“I have told her that her mother is in the next room,” the girl’s

uncle, Joseph Yousouf, told The Associated Press outside a hospital in this former French colony, where the jetliner was attempting to land in fierce winds before dawn Tuesday when it slammed into the Indian Ocean. He said the girl was coherent and asking for food.

“They were coming to Comoros for vacation,” Yousouf said of Bahia, who lived with her parents and three younger siblings outside Paris. “She was going to be staying with her grandmother.”

The girl’s father, Kassim

Bakari, described his daughter as “fragile” and said she could “barely swim,” but still managed to hang on for hours.

Her account of the crash aftermath seemed to indicate others survived the initial impact.

“I spoke to her this afternoon ... and I asked her what happened,” Bakari said from his home in a suburb south of Paris. “She said ‘Papa, we saw the plane going down in the water. I was in the water, I could hear people talking, but I couldn’t see anyone. I was in the dark, I couldn’t see a thing.’”

WORLD BRIEFS

June is deadliest month for Iraqis this year

BAGHDAD (AP)—At least 447 Iraqi civilians were killed in June, double the toll from the previous month, according to an Associated Press tally, as insurgents took aim at crowded areas to maximize the number of casualties. The spike in violence reflects the stiff challenges facing Iraqi security forces following the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from urban areas this week. But the numbers are still far lower than previous years, and the bombings by suspected

Sunni extremists are not triggering the type of retaliatory attacks from Shiite militias that nearly led to civil war in 2006-2007. The number of American troop deaths, meanwhile, dropped to 15 in June after an eight-month high of 25 in May. Four U.S. soldiers were killed Monday—the last day of regular combat operations in the cities.

Honduras government's isolation grows after coup

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP)—Thousands of Hondurans demonstrated Wednesday for the return of ousted President Manuel Zelaya, who vowed to fly home this weekend despite a warrant for his arrest. Thou-

sands more rallied in favor of the military-backed government. Newly appointed President Roberto Micheletti said it would take a foreign invasion to put Zelaya back in power, and said he was sending a delegation to Washington in an attempt to reverse the country’s increasing international isolation, though his own foreign minister later denied that. France, Spain, Italy, Chile and Colombia joined other nations Wednesday in recalling their ambassadors. The Pentagon suspended joint U.S.-Honduran military operations and the World Bank said it was freezing loans. Honduras’ three neighbors have suspended cross-border trade.



AFADAI BEACH HOTEL


PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Hafadai Hotel will be making some renovations on some of our restaurants and will be open with the new operations time.


Tropicana and Hana restaurants will be closing for renovations effective July 06, 2009.

Dolphin restaurant will be closed too, for renovation effective July 06, 2009 but will resume business on July 20, 2009 with the new opening hours.

Beginning July 20, 2009, Dolphin restaurant will be open for lunch a la cart menu - Japanese & Western food, opens at (11am to 2pm) Monday thru Saturday, except on Sundays were open for champagne brunch at (10:30am to 2pm). Dinner will be open at (5:30pm-10:00pm) Monday thru Sunday.



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**UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST**

ESTHER A. CASTRO and WAYNE T. ALDAN (collectively “Trustor”), on or about September 20, 2001, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (“Trustee”), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office (“USDA”), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America (“FmHA”), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 2, 2001 under Document No. 01-2164 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 330 R 21 containing an area of 838 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 330 R 02, dated March 13, 1992, Commonwealth Recorder’s File No. 92-858, dated March 16, 1992, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on July 17, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **\$31,830.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.


Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **July 16, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.** All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than **July 16, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.** Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.


The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier’s check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.


Dated this 16th day of June, 2009.

/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director, NMHC

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Lot 001 C 57, (part of Lot 001 C 26, which was part of Lot 001 C 15, which was part of Lot 001 C 13, which was part of original Lot 001 C 05, TD 697), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 C 11, the original of which was recorded 05 JUN as Document No. 98-1697 at Commonwealth Recorder’s Saipan.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC, Division 9, §9910, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the NMI Retirement Fund Board of Trustees/Workers’ Compensation Commission/Group Health & Life Insurance Trust Fund, are hereby giving notice that the Board of Trustees will hold its **Regular** meeting on **Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the NMI Retirement Fund Conference Room, Saipan.**

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Adoption of Agenda

D. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting:

1. May 19, 2009

2. June 4, 2009

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. REPORTS

A. Report of the Chairman

1. ROC No. 09-007

B. Report of the Administrator / Correspondence

1. ROA No. 09-007

a) Status Updates

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1. Financials

a) NMIRF

b) GHLITF

c) WCC

2. Drawdown Requests

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/s/ JUAN T. GUERRERO
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Off the Wall

Pink dolphin a standout in La. shipping channel

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—What's pink, has red eyes and leaps around a Louisiana shipping channel long enough for you to believe your eyes? A rare albino bottlenose dolphin. Bottlenose dolphins are common in the lower Calcasieu Ship Channel, feeding in the deep water and riding on top of boats' waves. And when the pink one jumps amid four dark gray dolphins, it's easy to spot.

The albino is just the 14th reported worldwide, and the third in the Gulf of Mexico, according to biologist Dagmar Fertl of Plano, Texas.

It was first reported by Wesley Lockard of Rayville, La., as a small calf in June 2007. Lockard, 26, said he and family members were fishing when they were stunned by the sight.

"Something comes up and you say, 'Wow! Did I just ...?' Then he comes up again and you say, 'Yeah! I just saw a pink dolphin!'" he said.

Now, the mammal is as much a part of the channel south of Lake Charles as boats and fishermen.

"We see him on a pretty regular basis," said Roddy Blackburn, crewman and relief captain of a boat that ferries pilots to ships.

But spotting the pink one, believed to be about 2 1/2 years old, does take time. Michael Harbison, a state Department of Wildlife and Fisheries biologist, has seen it several times, but only when he wasn't looking for it. He spent two trips—one for 10 hours—trying to locate it but didn't see the dolphin.

The albino is usually seen with four adults, and probably

splits time between the Gulf and the lower 10 miles of the ship channel, said Harbison. Typically, dolphins surface for a second or so to breathe, then dive for up to 10 minutes, moving a half-mile or more, he said.

Five days after the initial sighting was reported nearly two years ago, the dolphin was seen again.

For 90 minutes, fisherman Randy Smith watched the dolphin leap alongside an adult they assumed was its mother.

"It was unbelievable," said Smith, who was returning from a Gulf fishing trip with friends

when he saw the dolphin.

Many people refer to the dolphin as a male, though its sex is unknown.

Biologist Mandy Tumlin of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries hopes more people will report sightings and give officials as much detail as possible.

This photo provided by Stephen Fournet of Lafayette, La., and taken on May 18, 2009 shows an albino dolphin, left and a darker dolphin in the lower Calcasieu Ship Channel south of Lake Charles, La.



OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Man allegedly drenches wife with hose for smoking

JENSEN BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Authorities said a man has been charged with domestic battery after he drenched his wife with a garden hose and elbowed her for smoking in the house. An arrest report shows that the 51-year-old husband was charged Saturday. Police said the couple began arguing when the wife began smoking a cigarette in their home. When the victim picked up the phone and began calling a friend, authorities said the husband believed she was trying to call police and elbowed her in the mouth during a struggle to grab the phone. The woman was soaked with water when deputies arrived. The husband told deputies he had been watering the grass and did not intend to spray her. The man was taken to the Martin County Jail and released after posting bond.

Accused Wash. woman says 'dog ate my checks'

ARLINGTON, Wash. (AP)—A woman accused of dipping into her ex-husband's bank account without permission blames her dog. Arlington, Wash., police spokeswoman Kristin Banfield said detectives filed court orders to follow the money trail. They learned the money disappearing from the 42-year-old Arlington man's account was being used to pay for utility bills and other items at his ex-wife's home. Banfield told The Herald that the woman's first response was, "Her dog got into her purse and ate all her personal checks." The 50-year-old woman reportedly told police she had no choice but to take money from her former husband's account. The woman is under investigation for iden-

tity theft and forgery.

Man charged with stealing watch at courthouse

LARGO, Fla. (AP)—Authorities said a man walking through a security checkpoint at a Pinellas courthouse tried to steal an expensive watch, just feet from deputies. The sheriff's office reported that a man who had emptied his pockets to walk through a metal detector Monday complained that his \$1,000 Wittnauer watch was gone. Deputies played back a surveillance video and identified a 53-year-old man as the person who took the watch. He was located in a courtroom, attending a pretrial hearing for a charge of selling cocaine. Deputies searched him and reported finding the watch. The suspect was arrested and charged with grand theft. He was later released on \$5,000 bail.

Police: Robbers hit NY gas station, ran out of gas

KIRKWOOD, N.Y. (AP)—State police in New York say two Pennsylvania men robbed a gas station and might have gotten away if they had also fueled up. Troopers said they caught 29-year-old Lonnie Meckwood, of Carbondale, and 51-year-old Phillip Weeks, of Tunkhannock, after their getaway car ran out of gas while the were trying to escape late Monday night. They're accused of using a knife to rob a clerk at the Quickway Convenience Store in Kirkwood, near the New York-Pennsylvania border about 80 miles south of Syracuse. The clerk wasn't hurt. Police found the pair about a mile away. Their car was on the side of the road. They're being held in the Broome County Jail without bail. Troopers don't know if they have lawyers.

1st Death Anniversary Ana Songao Hocog

July 13, 1932 – July 6, 2008

I famagu'on La Difunta as †ANA SONGAO HOCOG, mas matungo' lokkue' as "NA", "NAN NENA", manmalago' na u n'afanmanungo' todū familia, parientes, yan manatungo' put i misa siha yan lisayon Primet Komple'anos finatai nanan-niha. I famagu'on ma deseseha na en dana'i siha gi duranten este na tiempon tinayuyut. I lisayu yan misa siha manma'ofreresi gi Gima' Yu'us San Isidro giya Sinapalo, yan Gima' Yu'us San Francisco de Borja, gi Sengsong, gi sigiente siha na fecha yan ora.

Guma' Yu'us San Isidro, Sinapalo, Luta:

- ☞ Hunio diha 28, 2009, Damenggo
10:00 (a.m.) gi ega'an, Misa
6:30 (p.m.) gi pupuenge, Lisayo
- ☞ Hunio diha 29, 2009 esta Hulio diha 4, 2009 (Lunes esta Sabalu)
6:30 (p.m.) gi pupuenge, Lisayo
7:00 (p.m.) gi pupuenge, Misa
- ☞ Hulio diha 5, 2009, Damenggo
9:30 (a.m.) gi ega'an, Lisayo
10:00 (a.m.) gi ega'an, Misa
- ☞ Hulio diha 6, Lunes – Ha'anen Komple'anos Finatai
5:00 (p.m.) gi pupuenge, Lisayo
5:30 (p.m.) gi pupuenge, Misa

Guma' Yu'us San Francisco de Borja, Songsong, Luta:

Misa ma'ofreresi kada oga'an gi oran alas 6:00 ginen i Damenggo, Hunio diha 28, 2009 esta Lunes, Hulio diha 6, 2009. Gi ha'anen komple'anos finatai-na gi Hulio diha 6, guaha responso despues de i misa, guatu gi Sumenteyon San Jose, Songsong, Luta.

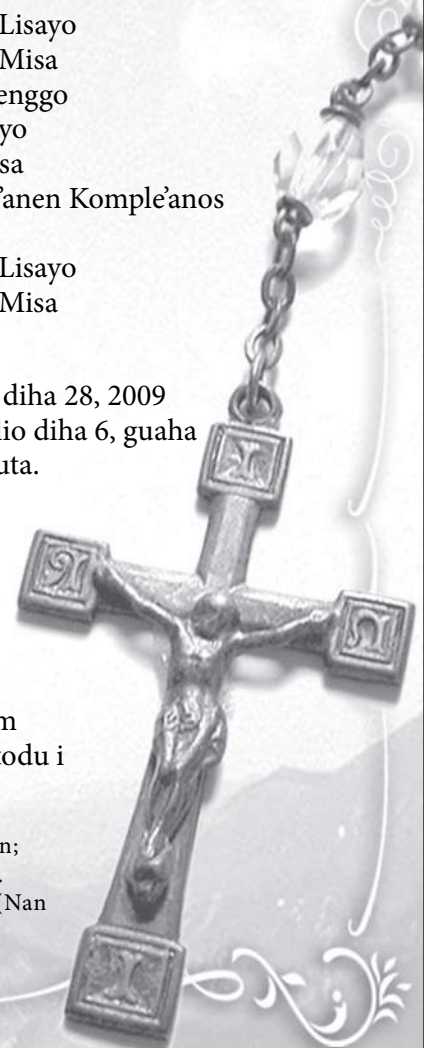
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Gi Hulio diha 6, Lunes – Ha'anen Komple'anos Finatai

5:00 (p.m.) gi pupuenge, Lisayo; 5:30 (p.m.) gi pupuenge, Misa

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Chris S/Dr. Rita Hocog Inos & famagu'on; Liz M/Sen. Paterno S. Hocog & famagu'on; Mannex S. Hocog; Bembe B/Pete Hocog & famagu'on; Angel S. Hocog; Joe/Betsy H. Apatang & hagan-niha; Ed/Ruby Hocog & famagu'on; Sinora Milagro H. Manglona (Nan Bago') yan Sinora Dolores B. Hocog (Nang).



Death and Funeral Announcement



James Raymond Villagomez Manahane

Born: July 03, 1979, of Koblerville, Saipan peacefully joined his creator on June 28, 2009, Sunday) at the age of 29.

In his new life, James now joins his:

GrandParents: +Felix Cruz Villagomez, +Vicente DL Guerrero, +Cresencia Borja Villagomez & +Ana M. DL Guerrero

Uncle: +Freddy Borja Villagomez

James' Loving Memory will forever be treasured by his:

Parents: Ramon Manahane & Bernadita Villagomez Manahane

Special Friend: Thelma Gumataotao

Brothers/Sisters/In-laws: Linda M. & James Bowie (Raemylyn & Jaennalin), Pauline V. Manahane (Jason, Georlyn, Jared), Dean Troy V. Manahane & Rose T. Castro (Summer), Ricky Joe V. Manahane & Melissa Acosta & Lorna Marie V. Manahane & Keith Joe O. Torres (Keina, Keith)

He will be missed by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Daily mass is being offered at Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 6:00am and at St. Jude at 6:00pm.

On Monday, July 6, 2009, his remains will be escorted from Borja's Funeral Home to St. Jude at 8:30am.

Rosary for the deceased will be at 12:00pm at St. Jude followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 2:00pm. Interment will follow at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase & Thank You. Ginen I Familia.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Dr. Thomas (Tom) W. Barlow

died on Monday, June 22, after a lengthy illness.

Tom's death is a profound loss for his family, friends, colleagues, and all who knew him. We will always remember him for his gentle nature, good humor, generosity, and openness to new people and experiences. We miss him terribly, but are inspired by his character and legacy.

He devoted much of his life and energies to improving the well-being of children, particularly in the Pacific. As a lifelong educator, he worked tirelessly in the past 13 years to build and manage an educational research and development organization that has benefitted thousands of schools and youth. Tom was also active in his community and served on numerous boards more recently, Knowledge Alliance, Children's Alliance of Hawai'i and the Waikiki Community Center.

Tom was born in the Nebraska blizzard of 1949.

Tom went to school in Ewing, Nebraska, and graduated in 1967 from Ewing High School. In 1986, Tom received two Doctorates in Education Administration: Curriculum and Instruction, and Philosophy from the University of Nebraska.

In 1970, Tom began his career in education as a language arts classroom teacher and then department chair in the Randolph Public Schools in Nebraska. Also, during this time, he served as a researcher and curriculum developer for the National Center for Humanities where he designed, developed and oversaw the implementation of effective English curricula.

In 1986, Tom became the State Director of the Comprehensive Drug Prevention Systems in the Nebraska State Department of Education in Lincoln. It was here that he developed educational programs and directed policy analysis and research studies in a variety of fields including American Indian curricula, community team trainings, substance abuse, basic skills curricula, leadership in education, and critical thinking, amongst others.

In 1993, Tom moved to Aurora, Colorado to serve as Senior Director of Curriculum & Instruction Field Services at the Mid-Continent Regional Educational Laboratory (McREL). Here he designed and managed programs to provide technical assistance and professional development in curriculum and instruction and drug prevention education. Tom also administered a number of federal grants and contracts.

In 1996, Tom moved to Honolulu, Hawai'i, to join the staff of the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL), becoming its Chief Operating Officer in 2000, and its President and CEO in 2003.

Tom leaves behind his loving partner of 16 years, James Coolidge, six brothers and sisters, Donna, Joan, Vera, Kenny, Garry and Larry, and his adoring friend, Twilla Barlow.

Services are pending the first part of August, 2009.

In remembrance of Tom and his love for PREL, the Pacific and for all children, all contributions in his name and honor can be sent to the PREL Pacific Teacher Scholarship Fund, 900 Fort Street Mall, Suite 1300, Honolulu HI 96813-3718 the fund Tom founded and passionately treasured.

In his life as in his passing, Tom showed us all his strength to persevere and to always overcome life's obstacles. One is reminded of the words of Lord Alfred Tennyson.

*We are not now that strength which in old days
Moved earth and heaven; that which we are, we are;
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will,
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.*



Science & Technology

Is Twitter the news outlet for 21st century?

NEW YORK (AP)—Cassy Hayes and Jasmine Coleman were among the first fans to arrive outside the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles where Michael Jackson was brought and later pronounced dead.

How had Hayes, 25, and Coleman, 21, heard the news so quickly?

Twitter.

The two young women had learned about Jackson's health like so many who get their news nowadays: by reading the ever-flowing feed of real-time information on the microblogging service.

Jackson's unexpected death at 50 was just the latest major news event where Twitter played a central role. But just as quickly as Twitter has emerged as a news source, so, too, has its susceptibility to false rumors become abundantly apparent.

The extraordinary amount of news coverage the mainstream

media has recently devoted to Twitter has led some to think the press is in love with the 3-year-old microblogging service. But it's a jealous love.

Twitter's constantly updating record of up-to-the-minute reaction has in some instances threatened to usurp media coverage of breaking news. It has also helped many celebrities, athletes and politicians bypass the media to get their message directly to their audience.

Make no mistake about it, Twitter has in many ways been a boon to the media. It's one more way a story might go viral and it's arguably the best way for a news outlet to get closer to its readership. Most outlets now have a presence on Twitter with a feed directing readers to their respective sites.

But even in an Internet world that has for years eroded the distance between media and consumer, Twitter is a jolt of de-

mocratization to journalism.

To date, the most salient, powerful example of Twitter's influence has been Iranian protesters using the service (among many other methods) to assemble marches against what they feel has been an unjust election.

Early in the protests, the State Department even urged Twitter to put off maintenance that would have temporarily cut off service. Twitter is difficult for governments to block because tweets—140 characters or less—can be uploaded from mobile phones like a text message. (The Iranian government has nevertheless often succeeded in blocking Twitter, Facebook and other social networks.)

Further, many Americans were upset at what they considered CNN's thin early coverage of the revolution in Iran and voiced their complaints (where else?) on Twitter. Some said they preferred news on Twitter to the cable news network.

Alice.com grasps the woes of buying toilet paper

NEW YORK (AP)—If shopping for household essentials like toilet paper and soap isn't your favorite activity, a new Web site might eliminate the task—while saving you cash.

The recently launched Alice.com lets people buy all manner of necessities from different manufacturers. There are about 6,000 items to choose from so far. The site keeps an eye on the products you use, and reminds you when it's time to replenish your stock.

Because Alice is run as a platform for manufacturers to connect directly to consumers, rather than as a traditional online retailer, founders Brian Wiegand and Mark McGuire say they can keep prices low and ship all items for free.

Of course, Alice benefits, too. Manufacturers pay the company for prime placement on Alice.com or to have samples, coupons and other marketing pitches offered to customers.

Wiegand and McGuire's last startup, comparison shopping site Jellyfish.com, was bought by Microsoft Corp. in 2007 and has since been incorporated into its new search engine, Bing.

Their idea for Alice sprung from what Wiegand and McGuire saw as the lack of easy ways to buy household necessities online. As McGuire jokingly tells it, "we really wanted to sell toilet paper on the Internet."

Alice, which is based in Madison, Wis., isn't the first to offer these types of products over the Web. Drugstore.com Inc. and Amazon.com Inc. are competitors, and Amazon offers a "subscribe and save" service.

But Alice is streamlining things by letting manufacturers sell straight to shoppers. Prod-

uct makers decide what to sell, set prices and collect all the proceeds from sales. Alice stocks products in a centralized warehouse, where workers pack the

stuff up and ship it to buyers.

"We're really allowing manufacturers to be retailers and they don't have any of the hassles of that," Wiegand said.

HELP FILE

By **ROB PEGORARO**

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The iPhone 3GS may be getting all the headlines this week, but Apple's new gadget and such competing smartphones as the Palm Pre aren't the only ways to read full-sized Web pages on the go. Even a considerably dumber phone can benefit from the automatic page reformatting offered by the mobile-phone versions of some popular search engines, which prune away complicated designs to present a page's text and basic outline.

Google and Microsoft's new Bing both do this particularly well, making regular pages readable even in the archaic browser of a two-year-old Palm device—but at each site, you'll need to turn this option on. At Google's mobile site (visit google.com on your phone), click on the "Settings" link, then scroll down to select the "On" button next to "Format web pages for your phone." At Bing (m.bing.com), follow its "search settings" link and click the "on" button below "optimize web pages for your phone."

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The Adobe Flash plug-in that runs most of the video

you watch on the Web (along with many interactive features and, unfortunately, some of the more annoying ads) is one of the more frequently updated programs on any home computer, but it's too easy to miss the bug fixes and security patches that Adobe pushes out. In some cases, Flash will alert you on its own when a new version arrives, but you may have to look for that update yourself. That's where things can get tricky.

Adobe's Flash home page doesn't tell you if you've got the latest release—most recently, version 10.0.22.87—or link to the tech-support page that will check that for you. Instead of bookmarking that support page, you might find it easier to right-click on a Flash object, such as a YouTube video, and select its last item, "About Adobe Flash Player 10...", which will take you to that version-check site. Either way, if your copy of Flash is out of date, hit the Flash player home page, download the current release and install that.

And here's my tip for Adobe: This process should be a little simpler.

Life & Style

Plan to bury Michael Jackson at Neverland fizzles



The train station at Neverland Ranch is shown in Los Olivos, Calif., Wednesday, July 1, 2009. AP

'Endless' supply of music in Jackson's vaults

NEW YORK (AP)—Michael Jackson had a mountain of unreleased recordings in the vault when he died—music that is almost certain to be packaged and repackaged for his fans in the years to come. The material includes unused tracks from studio sessions of some of Jackson's best albums, as well as more recently recorded songs made with Senegalese R&B singer and producer Akon and Black Eyed Peas frontman will.i.am.

"There are dozens and dozens of songs that did not end up on his albums," said Tommy Mottola, who from 1998 to 2003 was chairman and CEO of Sony Music, which owns the distribution rights to Jackson's music. "People will be hearing a lot of that unreleased material for the first time ever. There's just some genius and brilliance in there."

The releases, Mottola said, "could go on for years and years—even more than Elvis."

Since Jackson's death Thursday, there has been an enormous, almost unprecedented demand for the King of Pop's music. Nielsen SoundScan said Wednesday that three of his records—"Number Ones," "Essential Michael Jackson" and "Thriller"—were the best-selling

albums of the week, and 2.3 million tracks of his have been downloaded in the U.S. alone.

When a music star of Jackson's stature dies, labels typically comb through their archives to pull out anything they can release. New compilations of recordings by performers such as Elvis, Tupac and Jeff Buckley are still released nearly every year.

Mottola, who has described himself as the "shepherd and gatekeeper" of Jackson's catalog and is familiar with it better than anyone, said that for every album Jackson made—including classics like 1979's "Off the Wall" and 1982's "Thriller"—he recorded several tracks that didn't make it onto the records.

(Mottola had only laudatory things to say about Jackson, who criticized Mottola in 2002 as a racist. Among those who defended Mottola at the time was the Rev. Al Sharpton.)

The details of who owns Jackson's unreleased music and concert footage are not entirely clear. Sony Music declined to comment. A person involved with the label who requested anonymity said no new projects or compilations are being planned yet.

The Jackson family has not

publicly discussed plans for Jackson's catalog. In a 2002 will filed in court Wednesday, the pop star left his entire estate to a family trust, with his mother and his children named as beneficiaries.

Steve Gordon, an entertainment lawyer and author of "The Future of the Music Business," worked at Sony Music during the 1990s. He said he was at Sony when Jackson's last contract was negotiated, though he acknowledged it could have recently been updated.

Gordon said Jackson owns some of his master recordings, while others are owned in partnership with Sony. Regardless, he said, Sony retains exclusive distribution rights for anything Jackson produced during the term of their contract.

Gordon said he expects Sony's Legacy Recordings division to do something similar to what it did with Elvis and create a division purely for Jackson's catalog.

"They've done every kind of configuration to try to squeeze more money out of the catalog with Elvis and they'll do it with Michael Jackson—be sure of it," Gordon said. "I imagine that there's a ... load of concert recordings that may or may not have been released."

MJ album sales explode since death

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Michael Jackson's album sales have exploded—three of his albums are in the top three spots and 2.3 million tracks have been downloaded in the United States since his death, Nielsen SoundScan said Wednesday.

Album sales for the week through Sunday hit 422,000 in the U.S., up from 10,000 a week earlier. The week's tally was

greater than all the Jackson albums sold from the start of the year to June 21.

The top three albums were "Number Ones," "Essential Michael Jackson," and "Thriller." The Black Eyed Peas' latest CD came in fourth.

The 2.3 million digital downloads for the week was a record-breaking rise from the 37,300 the previous week.

No single artist has sold more than a million digital tracks in a week since Nielsen began counting in July 2004.

When adding in all Jackson 5 songs as well as sales in Canada, Europe, Australia and New Zealand, digital downloads for the week hit 3.3 million, up from 52,000 the previous week, SoundScan said.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A plan to bury Michael Jackson at his sprawling Neverland ranch fizzled Wednesday, leaving details about his funeral undecided as another mystery was solved: His newly unveiled will says his mother should raise his children, or failing her, Diana Ross. The changing funeral circumstances disappointed many Jackson fans who had descended on the estate in the rolling hills near Santa Barbara with the hope of attending a public viewing.

"We're terribly disappointed," said Ida Barron, 44, who arrived with her husband Paul Barron, 56, intending to spend several days in a tent.

"We were going to listen

to music and watch Michael Jackson DVDs and party all night long, not just to have fun, but in memory of Michael Jackson," Paul Barron said. "Now we're going to have to just go home."

Jackson's 7-year-old will, filed Wednesday in a Los Angeles court, gives his entire estate to a family trust and names his 79-year-old mother Katherine and his children as the beneficiaries. The will also estimates the current value of his estate at more than \$500 million.

Katherine Jackson was appointed their guardian, with entertainer Diana Ross, a longtime friend of Michael Jackson, named successor guardian if

something happens to his mother. Ross introduced the Jackson 5 on the Ed Sullivan Show in the late 1960s and was instrumental in launching their career.

Meanwhile, newly named Jackson family spokesman Ken Sunshine said a public memorial was in the works for Jackson but wouldn't be held at Neverland. In addition, it appeared more likely that a funeral and burial would take place in Los Angeles, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press.

But the person, who is not authorized to speak for the family and requested anonymity, said nothing was planned for Neverland, at least through Friday.

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 Sun. thru Thurs. 1:20 4:30 7:25
John Leguizamo, Queen Latifah
 Family-Oriented Adventure • Rated PG

Synopsis
 After the events of Ice Age: The Meltdown, life begins to change for Manny and his friends: Scrat is still on the hunt to hold onto his beloved acorn, while finding a possible romance in a female sabre-toothed squirrel named Scratte. Manny and Ellie, having since become an item, are expecting a baby, which leaves Manny anxious to ensure that everything is perfect for when his baby arrives. Diego is fed up with being treated like a house-cat and ponders the notion that he is becoming too laid-back.



Public Enemies
 Fri. and Sat. 1:25 4:20 7:05 9:50
 Sun. thru Thurs. 1:25 4:20 7:05
Johnny Depp, Christian Bale
 Crime Drama • Rated R

Synopsis
 Based on author Bryan Burrough's ambitious tome Public Enemies: America's Greatest Crime Wave and the Birth of the FBI, 1933-43, director Michael Mann's sprawling historical crime drama follows the efforts of top FBI agent Melvin Purvis (Christian Bale) in capturing notorious bank robber John Dillinger. A folk hero to the American public thanks to his penchant for robbing the banks that many people believed responsible for the Great Depression, charming bandit Dillinger (Johnny Depp)...



My Sister's Keeper
 Fri. and Sat. 1:30 4:25 7:20 9:55
 Sun. thru Thurs. 1:30 4:25 7:20
Cameron Diaz, Abigail Breslin
 Family Drama • Rated PG-13

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
 Fri. and Sat. 1:00 4:00 7:00 10:00
 Sun. thru Thurs. 1:00 4:00 7:00
Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox
 Sci-Fi Action • Rated PG-13



BFF (Best Friends Forever)
 Fri. and Sat. 1:05 4:05 7:10 9:35
 Sun. thru Thurs. 1:05 4:05 7:10
Sharon Cuneta, Ai Ai Delas Alas
 Prehistoric Fantasy, Comedy • Rated PG

The Proposal
 Fri. and Sat. 1:15 4:10 7:15 9:40
 Sun. thru Thurs. 1:15 4:10 7:15
Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds
 Romantic Comedy • Rated PG-13



Year One
 Fri. and Sat. 1:10 7:30
 Sun. thru Thurs. 1:10 7:30
Jack Black, Michael Cera
 Drama Comedy • Rated PG-13

Taking of Pelham 123
 Fri. and Sat. 4:15 9:45
 Sun. thru Thurs. 4:15
Denzel Washington, John Travolta
 Thriller • Rated R

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Woman's see-through style leaves little to imagination

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I have been involved with "Barbie" for about six months. She's everything I ever wanted in a mate. We have a similar sense of humor, and our goals and ambitions are almost identical. Our values match, too—except for one: My sense of propriety seems to be a stumbling block.

Abby, Barbie wears sheer tops and no bra. She doesn't usually wear any undergarments, either, even when she's in a fairly short skirt.

I grew up Southern Baptist, raised around women who feel that kind of attire is unacceptable and trashy. While the female body is, to me, one of the most beautiful things on Earth, I was brought up to believe that leaving something to the imagination is more desirable than showing everything. Barbie says I've got hang-ups, and I don't necessarily disagree. How can I deal with this?

TRYING TO LOOSEN UP IN NORTH CAROLINA



Dear Abby

DEAR TRYING: While you didn't mention it specifically, it appears you live far from your family and no longer attend church regularly—because you do not seem to be taking into account what kind of impression Barbie is going to make when she is exposed to them.

Barbie may be a lovely woman, but she needs to understand that there are other ways to attract attention than the way she's going about it, and if you are seriously considering a future with her, you will try harder to get that message across. If she cares about you, she will compromise. That's how you "deal with it."

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DEAR ABBY: Millions of baby boomers are caring for, or offering moral support to, parents or other seniors. It is sometimes hard to find the time and motivation to go and visit, and challenging to hold conversations.

May I offer a suggestion to them? This is what I did for my sweet father-in-law when he was in his late 80s and newly widowed. Rather than visit him at his home, I would pick him up and take him for rides. I made it a "sentimental journey," driving him around to his former homes, places of employment, schools the kids attended, churches where marriages were held.

He loved it. It not only gave him a chance to see old landmarks, but also how things were changing in the towns. It led to some wonderful discussions. I know for sure that long-term memories outlive short-term ones.

JERI IN GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.

DEAR JERI: Your suggestion is an excellent one, and you are sweet to share it with my readers. Your statement about long-term memory is true—and another effective way to stimulate it is through music. A gift older relatives might enjoy would be discs or tapes of popular music from the '40s and '50s. That, too, should lead to some interesting topics of conversation.

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DEAR ABBY: When inviting someone to a famous restaurant for a birthday celebration, is it appropriate to mention its dress code? One family member took it as an insult and that I was implying she doesn't know how to dress appropriately. (She always looks lovely when she goes out.) Because of it, she refused to attend the party, and it has caused an uncomfortable rift in the family.

NO OFFENSE INTENDED IN MISSOURI

DEAR NO OFFENSE INTENDED: Sometimes it isn't what you say, but the way it is phrased that can offend someone. From my perspective, warning a guest in advance that a restaurant has a strict dress code is doing the person a favor. While few establishments have one anymore, this could prevent confusion or embarrassment when the group arrives.

However, because your relative felt insulted, in the interest of family harmony, extend an apology. If she doesn't accept it, the problem then becomes hers.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write *Dear Abby* at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Kevin Jonas and girlfriend get engaged

NEW YORK (AP)—The eldest Jonas brother, Kevin, and his girlfriend Danielle Deleasa (DAH'-lees-ah) were engaged Wednesday.

The 21-year-old Jonas is one-third of the popular Jonas Brothers, along with Joe and Nick Jonas.

A spokeswoman for the Jonas Brothers confirmed the engagement.

In a statement, Kevin's parents, Kevin Sr. and Denise Jonas, said

they were "filled with joy."

The young couple have not yet set a date. Their engagement was first reported by *People* magazine.

People quoted Kevin Jonas as describing his girlfriend's reaction as "yes, yes, yes like 500 times super fast in a row."



AP

In this June 12, 2009 file photo, musician Kevin Jonas of the music group The Jonas Brothers performs on ABC's "Good Morning America" show in New York.

AP source: Jackson kin considering LA Coliseum

LOS ANGELES (AP)—One site under consideration for a public Michael Jackson memorial is the Los Angeles Coliseum, where the Los Angeles

Lakers held their championship celebration last month.

A City Hall official not authorized to speak publicly says representatives for the Jackson

family have inquired about using the site.

The person stresses that talks were "completely preliminary" and a date for the event was not

discussed.

The person adds: "It's nothing set in stone—nothing even proposed. It was, 'What would it look like is we did this?'"

Franken the senator could be 'SNL' spoof material

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—Al Franken's torn over who he'd like to see turn the parody tables on him.

As a former "Saturday Night Live" cast member headed to the U.S. Senate, he could be a prime spoof target for his former show.

When asked Wednesday who'd be best for the role, Franken first told The Associated Press it may be Fred Armisen, who portrays President Barack Obama in SNL skits. He then

said occasional guest Alec Baldwin might be a better fit.

NBC Entertainment declined comment.

Franken himself parodied a U.S. senator at least once on SNL, playing a Democrat at confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas.

Franken expects to be on the Senate Judiciary Committee, for real, by the time hearings begin for Obama high court nominee Sonia Sotomayor.



AP

Sen.-elect Al Franken, D-Minn. speaks to supporters during a rally at the mall of the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul, Minn., Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

Oscar-winning actor Karl Malden dies at 97

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Karl Malden, the Academy Award-winning actor whose intelligent characterizations on stage and screen made him a star despite his plain looks, died Wednesday, his family said. He was 97. Malden died of natural causes surrounded by his family at his Brentwood home, they told the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences. He served as the academy's president from 1989-92.

"Karl lived a rich, full life," Academy president Sid Ganis said. "He has the greatest and most loving family; a career that has spanned the spectrum of the arts from theater to film and television, to some very famous commercial work."

While he tackled a variety of characters over the years, he was often seen in working-class garb or military uniform. His authenticity in grittier roles came naturally: He was the son of a Czech mother and a Serbian father, and worked for a time in the steel mills of Gary, Ind., after dropping out of college.

Malden said he got his celebrated bulbous nose when he



AP

In this Nov. 9, 2005 file photo, Karl Malden points to a plaque that dedicates the Barrington Street Post Office to the actor in Los Angeles.

broke it a couple of times playing basketball or football, joking that he was "the only actor in Hollywood whose nose qualifies him for handicapped parking." He liked to say he had "an open-hearth face."

Malden won a supporting actor Oscar in 1951 for his role as Blanche DuBois' naive suitor Mitch in "A Streetcar Named Desire"—a role he also played on Broadway.

He was nominated again as best supporting actor in 1954

for his performance as Father Corrigan, a fearless, friend-of-the-workingman priest in "On the Waterfront." In both movies, he costarred with Marlon Brando.

"When you worked with him, he was the character," said Eva Marie Saint, who garnered a supporting actress Oscar for her role in "Waterfront." "He was the consummate actor and he loved acting. He was dear and smart. Whatever he did he enjoyed life."

Among Malden's more than 50 film credits were: "Patton," in which he played Gen. Omar Bradley, "Pollyanna," "Fear Strikes Out," "The Sting II," "Bombers B-52," "Cheyenne Autumn," and "All Fall Down."

One of his most controversial films was "Baby Doll" in 1956, in which he played a dullard husband whose child bride is exploited by a businessman. It was condemned by the Catholic Legion of Decency for what was termed its "carnal suggestiveness." The story was by "Streetcar" author Tennessee Williams.

Malden gained perhaps his greatest fame as Lt. Mike Stone in the 1970s television show "The Streets of San Francisco," in which Michael Douglas played the veteran detective's junior partner.

"Karl 'The Mentor' Malden was a great actor, father and husband. I admired and loved him deeply," Douglas, who was in Europe, said through his publicist.

Douglas saluted Malden last month when he received the American Film Institute's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



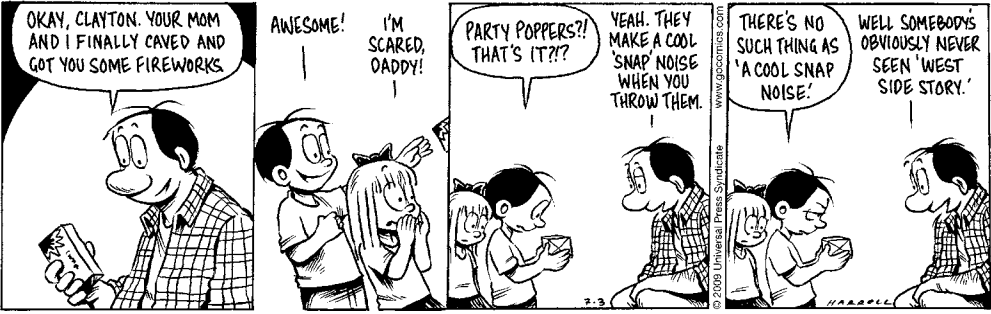
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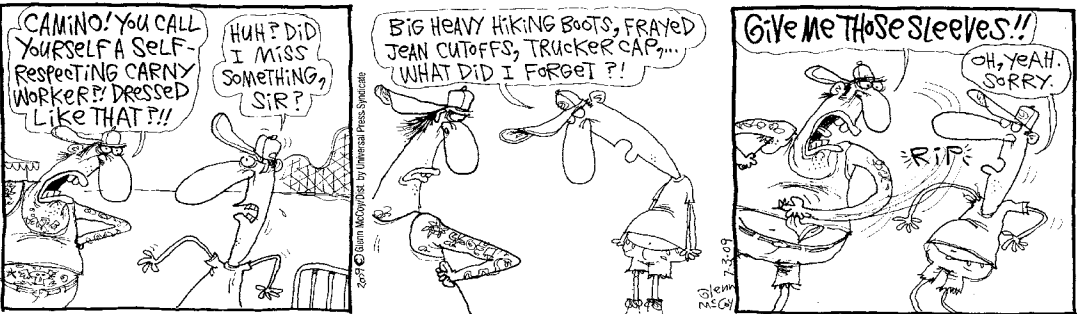
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Yesterday's answer 7-3

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Tom Cruise, 47; Montel Williams, 53; Tom Stoppard, 72; Dave Barry, 62

Happy Birthday: Deal with many issues this year pertaining to your health and emotional well-being. It's time to stop letting others take advantage of your kind nature. Don't neglect your own needs or those of your loved ones. A strong sense of responsibility will guide you in the right direction. Payback is just ahead of you. Your numbers are 10, 13, 19, 27, 29, 37, 43

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be careful where you put your money or prized possessions. Someone may be eyeing something you have of value or may even want to take advantage of your generosity. Good fortune is heading your way. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make changes before someone makes them for you. Stay on top by acting swiftly. Don't take what's said as the whole truth. Go to the source and find out what's fact and what's fiction. You have plenty to gain if you stay ahead of the competition. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): As soon as you bring someone else on board, you will have to deal with opposition. Use your ideas and put your communication skills to the test. You will come out on top by offering solutions. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Love is in your corner and, if you get involved in activities you enjoy, your effervescent personality will shine through and command attention. Children will play a role in your life by

giving you insight into something you may not have noticed. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take a deep breath and refrain from saying something you might regret. Good times are just around the corner if you can avoid controversy and trouble in the interim. An opportunity that will help you out financially is in the mix if you use your Leo charm. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put your heart in the right place and help someone who needs you. Emotional issues may be brought to the surface regarding a situation you face with a friend, neighbor or relative. Be very clear about the way you feel. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can do no wrong if you follow through with your plans. Your ideas are stupendous and your knowledge and experience will serve you well. Count your lucky stars and remember to reward those who help you achieve your goals. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't trust anything or anyone until you have what you want in writing. Problems with a partnership will flare up, causing you to rethink your next move. Making a sudden and unexpected change will enable you to confuse anyone causing you trouble. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be flighty and excitable, causing some problems for the people around you who want peace and quiet. A private affair may be in jeopardy if you are too talkative. Discretion will be of utmost importance. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep an eye on what everyone else is doing before you offer your assistance. You don't want to be the only one taking responsibility. Put your money and time into upgrading your skills or improving your image. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make things happen by taking action. There is a chance that someone will be interested in one of your ideas but if you don't start talking about your plans, no one will be aware that you need a little help. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone may question you about your plans or the way you feel about your personal life. Don't give away too much information. This is a wait-and-watch situation that requires patience. **

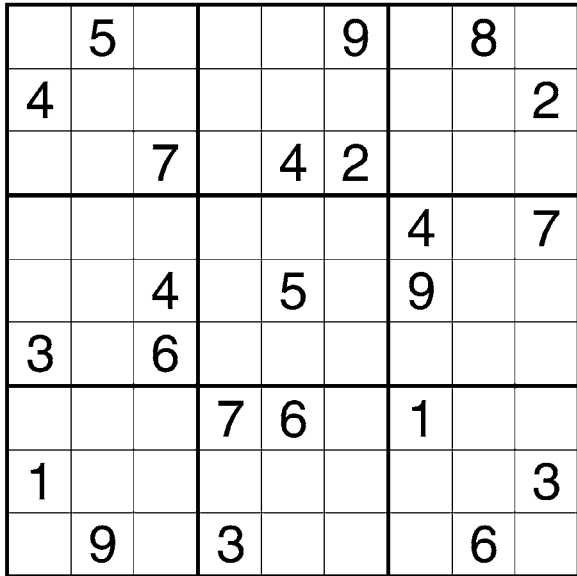
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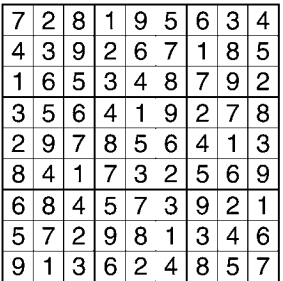
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Yesterday's Answer: Ship Creek

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Petitioner,) NO. 08-0550

vs.) SUMMONS

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Respondent,)

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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within twenty (20) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Gregorio Esquerra whose address is C/O Marlon Carlos P.O. Box 500745 CK, Saipan MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

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ADDENDUM No. 01
July 02, 2009

ITB09-GOV-111
Susupe Major Baseball Field Park Renovations

The previously advertised notice Invitation to Bid ("ITB") for the **Susupe Major League Baseball Field Park Renovations** has been amended. The specific amendment is to extend the time of the bid submission, bid opening and revise the bid form to allow the "Safety Net" as an additive item. The amended in detail are as follows:

- Bid Submission deadline:**
For bidders within the CNMI, submission date is changed from 4:00 p.m., local time July 07, 2009 to read **10:00 a.m., local time July 28, 2009**. For bidders located outside of the CNMI the Notice of Intent to bid is changed from 4:00 p.m., local time July 07, 2009 to read **10:00 a.m., local time July 28, 2009** and must be received is changed from July 16, 2009 to read **August 06, 2009**
- Bid Opening deadline:**
Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, is changed from 10:00 a.m., local time July 17, 2009 to read **11:00 a.m., local time, August 06, 2009**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, is changed from 10:00 a.m., local time to read **11:00 a.m., local time, July 28, 2009**.
- Revised Bid Form:**
Form will be will be available Monday, July 20, 2009 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Building No. 1356, Mednilla Avenue, Capitol Hill. For further information on this project, please contact the Office of Capital Improvement 1356 Mednilla Ave. Capitol Hill, Saipan, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Monday through Friday, except holidays) or by contacting Carl Castro at (670)664-2371 or by facsimile at (670)664-2408.



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Susupe Major League Baseball Park Renovations

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Susupe Major League Baseball Park Renovations, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

The project package will be available Thursday, June 18, 2009 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Building No. 1356, Mednilla Avenue, Capitol Hill. A \$100.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid the current minimum wage as required by the CNMI and Federal laws.

There will be a mandatory Pre-bid Conference/Site Visit for this project on June 29, 2009, 9:00 a.m., local time, at the project site, Tan Ko Palacios Baseball Field, Susupe. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on July 01, 2009 to Mr. Joseph M. Inos Jr., Director, Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Commercial Center, Saipan, or fax (670) 234-3547.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB09-GOV-111"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 4:00 p.m. local time, July 07, 2009. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 4:00 p.m. local time July 07, 2009, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@ptcom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 07, 2009 and must be received no later than July 16, 2009. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, July 17, 2009. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on July 07, 2009.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond. Performance time for completion of this project is one hundred twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by one hundred twenty (120) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.



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INVITATION FOR BID
PSS IFB 09-028

"Laptops and Related Equipments for Rota High School"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase, delivery, of **Laptops and Related Equipments** for Rota High School. The Scope of Work is available at PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

All bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked **"IFB 09-028"** containing one (1) original with Three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **July 8, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.**, at which time bids will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstance.

Questions shall be in writing addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement & Supply Officer or Email to the following address: florian@saipan.com

/S/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/S/ Robert Florian
Procurement & Supply Officer



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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 09-026

"SINAPALO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PERIMETER FENCING PROJECT"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the construction of a perimeter fence at Sinaplo Elementary School in Rota, CNMI.

The Scope of Work and detailed specification are available beginning July 03, 2009, at Pacific Quick Print located in Middle Road Garapan. There will be a charge to contractors for copy fees.

A **Pre-Bid meeting On-Site** will be scheduled for interested contractors at 9:00 AM on July 21, 2009. The deadline for the submission of questions will be on July 23, 2009.

Bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope marked "**PSS IFB 09-026**" containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and will be submitted to PSS Procurement & Supply Office no later than July 29, 2009 at 10:30 AM. Any bid received after this date and time will not be accepted.

Questions should be in writing and addressed to David Loan, CIP Coordinator via fax to 664-3715 or by e-mail to loand@pss.cnmi.mp.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D. /s/ Robert Florian
Commissioner of Education Procurement Officer



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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 09-027

"DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF ONE KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM AT SAN VICENTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive bids for the demolition and construction of one kindergarten classroom at San Vicente Elementary School on Saipan, CNMI.

The Scope of work and detailed specification are available beginning July 3, 2009, at Pacific Quick Print & Post located at Middle Road Garapan. There will be a charge to contractors for copy fees.

A **Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting On-Site** is scheduled for 10:00 AM on July 22, 2009. The deadline for the submissions of questions will be on July 24, 2009. Bids submitted by Bidders who did not attend this meeting will be rejected.

Bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope marked "**PSS IFB 09-027**" containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and will be submitted to PSS Procurement & Supply Office no later than July 29, 2009 at 10:00 AM. Any bid received after this date and time will not be accepted.

Questions should be in writing and address to David Loan, CIP Coordinator via fax to 664-3715 or by e-mail to loand@pss.cnmi.mp.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D. /s/ Robert Florian
Commissioner of Education Procurement Officer



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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 09-029

"SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF NEW "BUTLER" ROOFING MATERIAL FOR ROTA SINAPALO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the Supply & Installation of New "Butler" Roofing Material for Sinapalo Elementary School in Rota, CNMI.

The Scope of Work and detailed specification are available beginning July 03, 2009, at the Pacific Quick Print & Post located in Middle Road Garapan. There will be a charge to contractors for copy fees.

A **Pre-Bid Meeting On-Site** will be scheduled for interested contractors at 10:30 AM on July 21, 2009. The deadline for the submission of questions will be on July 23, 2009.

Bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope marked "**PSS IFB 09-029**" containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and will be submitted to PSS Procurement & Supply Office no later than July 29, 2009 at 9:30 AM. Any bid received after this date and time will not be accepted.

Questions should be in writing and addressed to David Loan, CIP Coordinator via fax to 664-3715 or by e-mail to loand@pss.cnmi.mp.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D. /s/ Robert Florian
Commissioner of Education Procurement Officer



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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 09-030

"Navajo Playground for WSR Elementary School"

The public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase and installation of **Navajo Playground for William S REYES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (WRS)**. The Scope of Work is available at PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950

All bids must placed in a sealed envelope marked "**IFB 09-030**" containing one (1) original with Three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **July 8, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.**, at which time bids, will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under and circumstance.

Questions shall be in writing addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement & Supply Officer or Email to the following address: florian@saipan.com

/S/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D. /S/ Robert Florian
Commissioner of Education Procurement & Supply Officer



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **RUNWAY 7/25 REHABILITATION – PACKAGE 2, PHASE 2, FRANCISCO C. ADA SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO. 3-69-0002-53/58.**

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of the Airport Runway 7/25 Rehabilitation to include milling of existing runway, taxiway, blast pad and shoulder pavements, asphalt concrete overlay, grooving and marking of surfaces; and the restoration of Taxiway "A", Replacement of Runway Edge Lights and Guidance Signs, and the installation of lighted wind cones all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in accordance with **Item G-100-3.2 (Contract Time)** of the General Project Requirement of the Technical Specifications. Liquidated damages shall be in accordance with **Item G-100-3.4 (Liquidated Damages)** of the General Project Requirements. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section 70-27 of the specifications.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the bid proposal documents, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

A CD-Rom containing the bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, Friday, July 17, 2009**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by CNMI Law or Federal Law, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by US Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **ten percent (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, PE
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Date: July 2, 2009



SAIPAN COMMUTER TERMINAL PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM INSTALLATION PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-009-09 DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES

1st AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the Design and Installation of a Public Address System at the Saipan Commuter Terminal at the airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The proposals shall include the following:

- Letter of Interest;
- Design and installation timeframe;
- Project Approach;
- Design-Build Construction Team;
- Available resources to accomplish project;
- Cost Proposal (in itemized scope of work format);
- Valid CNMI Business License;
- Related past project performance;
- List of completed similar projects;
- List of experienced personnel and resumé's; and
- Proof of insurance requirements as provided in Proposal Package.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Saipan Commuter Terminal Public Address System Installation– Design/Build Services". The proposal must be submitted no later than **4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

An on-site pre-proposal meeting will be conducted and interested proposers are required to attend. No proposals from non-attendees will be accepted. The on-site pre-proposal meeting will be held on ~~June 9, 2009 at 10:00 am~~ at the Saipan Commuter Terminal Building, Saipan Airport.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Proposers shall also submit a statement of qualifications which should include resúmes and experience of personnel that will be directly in charge of the project. Note that either party of the design consultant/contractor team that submits a proposal cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different design/build teams.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax as well as associated costs for airport security badges.

The Project is being financed by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals.

The contract period for design and replacement will be based on the contractor's proposal. However, liquidated damages of \$500.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MR. EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Date: June 10, 2009



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works

2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai
Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW09-IFB-027

Supply, Delivery and Installation of Wind Turbines for the W.I.C. Administration and Clinic Buildings, Phase II, Navy Hill, Saipan

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting bids for the **Supply, Delivery and Installation of Wind Turbines for W.I.C. Administration and Clinic Buildings, Phase II, Navy Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)**

The project package will be available on or after June 26, 2009, at Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, Oleai Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00), is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulation, dated May 24, 2001. **Preference is available to US Citizen as per Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, and be submitted with the BID preference is claimed.**

There will be a Mandatory Pre-bid Conference for this project on July 15, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. (local time) at the WIC Administration Building N-25. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. (local time) on July 20, 2009 to **Mr. Joseph M. Inos, Jr.**, Director of Technical Services Division, DPW 2nd Floor Oleai Commercial Bldg. Office, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW09-IFB-027"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. (local time), on July 23, 2009. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. (local time), on July 23, 2009, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 23, 2009, and must be received no later than August 03, 2009. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejections of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. (local time), on August 06, 2009. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. (local time), on July 28, 2009.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**), a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **A surety company shall hold the Certificate of Authority (COA) from the U.S. Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General and must accompany the bid.** Bid security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CBMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and annotation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

This project is funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Grant.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is One hundred and Eight (**180**) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One hundred dollars (**US\$100.00**) per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ DEIGO B. SONGSONG
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement and Supply



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INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW09-IFB-028

SUGAR DOCK DREDGING AND INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGES AT SUGAR DOCK, FISHING BASE, DFW AND TANAPAG LAUNCHING RAMPS

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Sugar Dock Dredging and Installation of Signages at Sugar Dock, Fishing Base, DFW and Tanapag Launching Ramps, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (**CNMI**).

The project package will be available on or after June 19, 2009 at DPW Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor-Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (**US\$100.00**) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Preference is available to US Citizens or Permanent Residents as per Public Law 15-95 and as further **Amended by Public Law 15-118** and must be submitted with the BID or PROPOSAL if preference is claimed.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on July 7, 2009, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Division of Fish & Wildlife Conference Room. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on July 10, 2009 to **Mr. Joseph M. Inos, Jr., Director** of Technical Services Division, DPW 2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW09-IFB-028"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time July 14, 2009. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time July 14, 2009, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 14, 2009, and must be received no later than July 23, 2009. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, July 28, 2009. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on July 17, 2009.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority (COA) from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.** This security may be Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660".

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and payment bonds must be authorized to conduct business in CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is Thirty (**30**) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at one hundred dollars (**US\$100.00**) per working day for delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

DIEGO B. SONGSONG
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

Dr. IGNACIO T. DELA CRUZ, DVM
Secretary, Department of Lands and Natural Resources

Roddick edges Hewitt to return to semis



WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—This one meant so much to Andy Roddick.

Because of the stakes: a return to Wimbledon's semi-finals. Because of the opponent: 2002 champion Lleyton Hewitt. And because of the circumstances: a five-set grind that began under a bright sun and concluded in shadows, 3 hours, 50 minutes later.

When it was over, having finally figured out a way to get past Hewitt 6-3, 6-7 (10), 7-6 (1), 4-6, 6-4, Roddick let out a sigh and raised a fist, then threw his racket down, sat in his changeover chair and covered his face with his hands.

"A mixture of happiness, of relief. In your mind, you're kind of trying to stay the course for four hours, constantly figuring out what you're going to do," said Roddick, who swatted 43 aces in Wednesday's quarterfinals at the All England Club. "Your mind is just racing."

He hadn't been to the final four at Wimbledon since 2005; even lost in the second round a year ago. He hadn't won a five-setter at any Grand Slam tournament in 2 1/2 years. But Roddick came through in the crunch, saving three break points while trailing 2-1 in the fifth set, before earning the decisive break in a 14-point game to go ahead 5-4.

"It's going to pay big dividends, winning a tight match like this," said Roddick's coach, Larry Stefanki. "He hasn't done that in a long time."

Roddick-Hewitt was the only quarterfinal pitting two men who have been ranked No. 1, and the only one involving two men who have won a major championship. It also was the most riveting contest, not to mention the longest.

"It certainly wasn't short on drama," Roddick said. "It was tough from a mental standpoint, because Lleyton wasn't going away, and there were kind



AP
Andy Roddick of the U.S., applauds the spectators, after defeating Lleyton Hewitt of Australia in their men's singles quarterfinal match at Wimbledon, Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

of a lot of ebbs and flows."

Next up for the No. 6-seeded Roddick: a semifinal against No. 3 Andy Murray, who beat 2003 French Open champion Juan Carlos Ferrero 7-5, 6-3, 6-2. Murray is trying to become the first British man to win Wimbledon since Fred Perry in 1936, so he will be backed by quite a crowd in what the locals will bill as "Andy vs. Andy."

"We might be able to count the people for me on this hand," Roddick said, raising his right mitt. "I'm just going to pretend when they say, 'Come on, Andy!' that they mean me."

The other semifinal Friday is No. 2 Roger Federer against No. 24 Tommy Haas. It's a rematch of a June 1 French Open fourth-round match in which Haas took the first two sets and was five points away from winning, before Federer won en route to claiming his first title at Roland Garros.

That gave Federer his 14th Grand Slam championship, tying Pete Sampras' career record. He can surpass that mark here.

"It would be writing in the history books of tennis," Federer said, then cautioned: "It's not there yet. Still far away. Many points, many serves, many forehands."

Seeking a sixth Wimbledon title, he beat No. 22 Ivo Karlovic of Croatia 6-3, 7-5, 7-6 (3). Haas knocked off No. 4 Novak Djokovic of Serbia 7-5, 7-6 (6), 4-6, 6-3.

Federer completely took the sting out of the intimidating serves of the 6-foot-10 Karlovic, who had won 79 of 79 service games through more than 9 hours of play across his first four matches at Wimbledon - and 128 of 128 service games if you add in his previous tournament, too.

So wouldn't you know it: Federer needed all of 8 minutes and two Karlovic service games to break the big fella.

Federer hit three return winners, including a forehand off a 122 mph serve on break point, to take a 3-1 lead. That

set the tone.

Karlovic, best known for upsetting defending champion Hewitt at Wimbledon in the first round in 2003, was asked why Federer dealt with his serve better than other players do.

"Oh, it is only because he is better than everybody else," Karlovic said. "That's it."

Federer outperformed Karlovic by winning 74 of 85 points in his own service games. Only once did Karlovic so much as get to deuce on Federer's serve, midway through the third set, and here is how the Swiss star responded: service winner at 129 mph, ace at 128 mph.

Take aces out of the equation—Karlovic led 23-7 in that category—and Federer wound up with a 32-6 advantage in other winners as he reached the semifinals at a 21st Grand Slam tournament in a row, extending his own record. No one else in tennis history ever made it to more than 10 consecutive major semifinals.

"It's hard to believe I achieved it, because looking back, it's not just I'm looking back on a few weeks or a month or a year or so. It's really way back," said Federer, who last exited a tournament before this stage at the 2004 French Open. "Quite a streak."

Indeed it is. Consider: The other men left in the tournament all have Grand Slam semifinal streaks of exactly one. Murray and Haas never had been this far at Wimbledon before, while Roddick lost to Federer in the 2003 semifinals and the 2004 and 2005 finals at the All England Club.

Roddick's only major championship came at the 2003 U.S. Open. In trying to add a second, he recently tweaked his diet, says he's in the best shape of his career and has tinkered with his game since hiring Stefanki for this season, working on returns, volleying and backhands.

Those elements helped against Hewitt, who gutted things out Wednesday despite a bothersome left thigh.

Source: Pistons land Gordon and Villanueva



DETROIT (AP)—The Detroit Pistons wanted to add talent and get younger this offseason.

On the first day of free agency, Detroit did both.

Ben Gordon and Charlie Villanueva agreed in principle to five-year contracts with the Pistons, a person with the knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press on Wednesday night.

The person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because NBA rules prohibit announcing deals with free agents until next week, said Gordon's contract is worth \$50-plus million and Villanueva will make at least \$35 million.

The 26-year-old Gordon averaged 20.7 points for the Chicago Bulls, leading them in scoring for the fourth straight year.

He improved his market value by scoring 42 points in a playoff game against the defending champion Boston Celtics and averaging a team-high 24.3 points in seven postseason games.

Bulls officials had said re-signing Gordon, the No. 3 pick in 2004, was

a top priority after previously failing to keep the former Connecticut star with a long-term contract.

Villanueva, who turns 25 next month, averaged 16.2 points and 6.7 rebounds last season for the Milwaukee Bucks. He went from being a restricted free agent to an unrestricted one when Milwaukee chose to not make him a qualifying offer.

The Toronto Raptors drafted Villanueva No. 7 overall out of Connecticut in 2005 and traded him to Milwaukee after his rookie season when he averaged 13 points, 6.4 rebounds and was on the All-Rookie team.

Detroit desperately needed to make a splash this offseason, entering it with nearly \$20 million in salary-cap space and coming off its worst season in several years.

The Pistons had a lot of money to spend because Rasheed Wallace and Allen Iverson had expiring contracts. The franchise wanted to infuse the roster with fresh options after breaking up a group of players that won the 2004 NBA title and advanced to six straight conference finals.

Detroit was swept by the Cleveland Cavaliers in the first round this sea-

son, mercifully ending a miserable season that soured as soon as All-Star point guard Chauncey Billups was dealt to Denver for Iverson and his cap space.

Michael Curry, who struggled as a rookie coach in a tough situation, was fired Tuesday and might be replaced by Avery Johnson, Doug Collins or John Kuester by this weekend.

Detroit's fifth coach this decade will potentially have an interesting decision to make if the roster remains intact.

While the 6-11 Villanueva can easily slip into the starting lineup, the 6-foot-3, 200-pound Gordon does not seem to have a spot secured.

Gordon likely has to replace leading-scorer Richard Hamilton at shooting guard or come off the bench behind him.

Gordon was voted the NBA's top reserve in 2005 and if he accepts that role again, the Pistons would have an intriguing three-guard rotation with him, Hamilton and Rodney Stuckey.

Gordon or Hamilton may have a problem with coming off the bench and the next coach could have to deal with poor chemistry just as Curry did.

If the Pistons have enough money—

and talent—to re-sign Antonio McDyess, one of the most likable players in the league can help them cope with issues on and off the court.

McDyess, though, is a free agent

with plenty of options.

"We are in the process of evaluating our options and will make a decision shortly," McDyess' agent, Andy Miller, wrote in a text message to the AP.



NBA BRIEFS

Bryant decides not to opt out of contract

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kobe Bryant insisted his contract status wouldn't be an issue, and he was right. Now the Los Angeles Lakers can turn their attention to some NBA champion teammates. Bryant chose not to terminate the final two years of his contract and will remain with the Lakers, the team he wanted to leave just two summers ago. Team spokesman John Black on Wednesday confirmed Bryant's decision. The MVP of the NBA finals had until Tuesday to become an unrestricted free agent, but downplayed questions about his future plans throughout the Lakers' five-game victory over Orlando. Now the Lakers and Bryant's agent will negotiate a contract extension. If they somehow cannot agree, he would earn \$23 million next season and could opt out next June. However, Bryant has spent his entire 13-year career with the team, winning four NBA championships and on June 19 he said,

"I'm not going anywhere. I know I ain't going nowhere, so it's just a waste of our breaths just talking about it."

Shaq arrives in Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP)—Shaquille O'Neal took his first look at his new basketball home. The 15-time All-Star center toured the Cavaliers' suburban practice facility and took his physical on Wednesday, one day before he is formally introduced as superstar LeBron James' newest teammate. O'Neal and a small group of associates met briefly with Cavs coach Mike Brown and others at the Cleveland Clinic Courts in Independence, Ohio. The Cavaliers are hoping O'Neal, who has won four NBA titles, can be the missing piece to help James win his first and championship and end the city's title drought dating to 1964. The Cavaliers have scheduled a 1 p.m. news conference on Thursday to welcome O'Neal. He was acquired in a trade with the Phoenix Suns last week.

Red Sox stage own comeback, beat Orioles in 11



BALTIMORE (AP)—The Boston Red Sox rallied from four down in the ninth to beat the Baltimore Orioles 6-5 in 11 innings in the American League on Wednesday.

Julio Lugo singled in the tiebreaking run in the 11th. Jonathan Papelbon got the last three outs for his 20th save this season and 133rd with the Red Sox, breaking the team record held by Bob Stanley. Less than 24 hours earlier, Papelbon yielded the key hit in the eighth inning of a game in which Boston blew a 10-1 lead before losing 11-10.

In this one, Red Sox pitchers retired the final 24 batters. Ty Wigginton hit a lead-off homer in the fourth off Josh Beckett to put the Orioles up 5-1, but that would be Baltimore's final baserunner.

Blue Jays 5, Rays 0

At Toronto, Ricky Romero pitched four-hit ball over eight innings, and Rod Barajas, Adam Lind and Scott Rolen each homered as Toronto ended Tampa Bay's seven-game winning streak.

Romero (6-3) matched the longest outing of his career in winning his third straight start. He walked four, struck out seven and lowered his ERA to 2.85.

Toronto snapped a four-game losing streak thanks to a trio of solo home runs off James Shields (6-6).

Yankees 4, Mariners 2

At New York, Alex Rodriguez hit a tiebreaking homer and Andy Pettitte pitched seven strong innings to lead New York to a seventh straight victory.

Johnny Damon and Melky Cabrera also went deep for the Yankees, who overcame Ken Griffey Jr.'s 621st home

run to win their 10th straight home game against Seattle since September 2007. Rodriguez hit a two-run drive in the sixth, No. 566 of his career. He is three behind Rafael Palmeiro for 10th place in MLB history.

Pettitte (8-3) outpitched fellow lefty Jarrod Washburn (4-6).

Texas 9, Angels 7

At Arlington, Hank Blalock's second homer of the game, a two-run shot with two outs in the ninth inning, gave Texas a 9-7 victory over Los Angeles and moved the Rangers within one-half game of the Angels in the AL West.

Juan Rivera's three-run homer with two outs in the top of the ninth off Frank Francisco (2-1) tied the game at 7-all as the Angels erased a six-run deficit.

Michael Young singled off Justin Speier (3-2) leading off the Texas ninth. After a sacrifice bunt and a strikeout Blalock, who homered in the fourth, hit the first pitch into the grassy area beyond the fence in center field.

Texas improved to 5-1 against Los Angeles this season. The teams meet again for a three-game set next week in Los Angeles.

Twins 5, Royals 1

At Kansas City, Missouri, Joe Mauer went 3 for 3, raising his average to .392 and backing pitcher Glen Perkins in Minnesota's victory.

After walking in the first inning, Mauer stroked three consecutive singles, driving in one run and scoring another as the Twins completed a 6-3 trip. He was walked intentionally in the eighth.

Perkins (4-4) allowed one run for the second straight start, in seven innings.

Athletics 5, Tigers 1

At Oakland, California, Jason Giambi and Jack Cust broke out of funks with two-run homers, Dallas Braden ended a four-start winless span, and Oakland beat Detroit.

Giambi, with an AL-low .197 batting average, homered in the sixth off Justin Verlander (8-4). Cust had been 4 for 24 with 13 strikeouts in his previous seven games.

Braden (6-7) pitched seven strong innings to win for the first time in five starts since June 5.

White Sox 6, Indians 2

At Cleveland, Jose Contreras got a rare road win, pitching eight superb innings as Chicago won its fifth straight and its first three-game sweep of Cleveland since 2005.

Contreras (3-7) improved to 3-2 with a 2.17 ERA since being recalled from Triple-A Charlotte after a monthlong demotion. He allowed two runs and five hits with eight strikeouts and a walk.

Cleveland has dropped five straight and 13 of 15.

Dodgers 1, Rockies 0

At Los Angeles, the Dodgers prepared to welcome back Manny Ramirez by edging the Colorado Rockies, the last game of the star slugger's doping suspension.

Rafael Furcal had a pinch hit RBI single in the eighth inning, providing the victory that gave the NL-leading Dodgers a 29-21 record during Ramirez's absence. The 12-time All-Star, who needs three home runs to tie Mickey Mantle for 15th place on the career list at 536, will return to the lineup Friday for the a three-game series at San Diego.

Mets 1, Brewers 0

At Milwaukee, New York arrested a five-game losing streak with a tight victory over Milwaukee.

Mets pitcher Mike Pelfrey got through 7-2/3 scoreless innings, laying the foundation for a win brought about by Ryan Church's sixth inning RBI single.

Young Brewers pitcher Yovani Gallardo threw a career-best 12 strikeouts to no avail.

Braves 11, Phillies 1

At Atlanta, pitcher Jair Jurrjens eyed off a no-hitter, and guided Atlanta to a crushing win over Philadelphia.

Jurrjens didn't give up a hit until there were two outs in the seventh inning. He began the night with the seventh-lowest run support in the majors, including just five runs in his past four losses, but got plenty of help from his batters Wednesday.

Cubs 4, Pirates 1

At Pittsburgh, Derrek Lee and Kosuke Fukudome homered as Chicago overcame Pittsburgh.

Pitcher Randy Wells' seven effective innings limited the Pirates to one run and he recorded his third consecutive victory. In that winning trot, his ERA has been an impressive 2.18.

The Cubs took two of three in this series. They have won eight of the past nine series against the Pirates dating to 2007.

Astros 7, Padres 1

At San Diego, Houston piled on six runs in the fourth inning, cruising past San Diego.

Astros pitcher Brian Moehler pitched six strong innings, striking out eight in winning his third straight decision.

Houston has won seven of the past eight against San Diego.

Reds 1, Diamondbacks 0

At Cincinnati, pitcher Johnny Cueto settled in after two wild innings, steering Cincinnati past Arizona.

Arizona managed only one infield hit during six innings against Cueto and a bunt single off the bullpen.

Joey Votto singled home a run in the sixth inning for the Reds, who got their seventh shutout of the season.

Marlins 5, Nationals 3

At Miami, Hanley Ramirez extended his RBI streak to 10 games as Florida defeated Washington.

Pinch-hitter Wes Helms beat out a potential double-play ball to put Florida ahead in the eighth inning and the Marlins improved to 9-0 against the hapless Nationals this season.

Ramirez hit a two-run double, making him the first shortstop in NL history with an RBI streak of double-digit games, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Cardinals 2, Giants 1, 10 innings

At St. Louis, Colby Rasmus made the most of a let-off dropped catch, hitting a leadoff homer in the 10th inning to give St. Louis a narrow win over San Francisco.

Earlier in the at-bat, San Francisco rookie third baseman Pablo Sandoval dropped Rasmus' pop fly, arriving late and stabbing at the catching attempt with his glove. Three pitches later, Rasmus homered to straightaway center for his first game-ending hit.

Rasmus leads NL rookies with eight homers and 29 RBIs.

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MDX gains 1st victory in masters; SIP, Bayani win

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MDX-Armat-ech notched its first win in the masters division of the 7th UFO Inter-Organizational Basketball League after completing a 97-76 rout of debuting MIFICPA-Bowlers Wednesday night at the JP Center Basketball Court.

The victory was the first in three outings for MDX, even as the UFO caging finally got a reprieve from Mother Nature's showers, allowing the resumption of two more rain-halted matches earlier in the evening.

The first game saw SIP-Marianas Wireless foil Visminda's late-game rally to win 80-69 in the open division, while the second game had Bayani-Shirley's turn back NMBA-Ebisuya in a score of 83-73 in the masters.

It was the fourth win in five starts for defending champion SIP, which was led by Elmer

Esdrelon's 20 points, while the loss dropped Visminda to 2-3.

Bayani, meanwhile, improved to 2-1, while exacting NMBA its second loss in three games. Bayani was led by Ronald Delos Reyes' 29 points and 11 rebounds.

MDX got off to a jackrabbit start in the only scheduled match Wednesday, as veteran marksman Roger Valencia conspired with Sonny Ebuena to give their team a 21-15 lead after the first quarter.

Speedy Nelson Samson continued what Valencia and Ebuena started in the opening quarter, as he unloaded 10 of his 11 points to almost single-handedly give MDX a 42-29 spread at halftime.

Beefy Alvin Alvarez and Darwin Gonzales tried to put a dent to MDX's lead in the third canto, combining for 15 of the team's 25 points.

Valencia, however, returned to his sharp-shooting ways, pumping in eight more points as MDX entered the fourth and final quarter with a 14-point

bulge, 69-54.

The payoff period was more like garbage time for both teams as second and third stringers saw much of the action while MDX coasted to the 21-point victory.

Valencia top-scored for MDX with 15 points, while Ebuena and Samson contributed 13 and 11, respectively. Gonzales and Alvarez shone in the loss for MIFICPA with 17 and 15 points.

First Game

SIP 80 — Esdrelon 20, Villacrusis 20, Palero 14, Mendiola 11, Talania 6, Guiab 5, Mateo 2, Punzalan 2.

Visminda 69 — Joyner 20, Peredo 11, Dayrit 10, Montano 9, Artates 6, Mateo 5, Gamboa 4, Barrios 2, Cosino 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-9, 31-27, 59-40, 80-69.

Second Game

Bayani 83 — Delos Reyes 29, Palma 18, Tabora 17, Carino 12, Vargas 7, Manipon 2.

NMBA 73 — Macoto 22, Abe-



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NMBA-Ebisuya center Jun Abedes is met on his way to the hoop by Bayani-Shirley's slotman Ronald Delos Reyes, right, and Bobby Vargas in their masters game in the UFO caging Wednesday night at the JP Center Basketball Court.

des 20, Santos 12, Tobias 11, Opone 4, Olivos 2, Davis 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-18, 45-40, 58-62, 83-73.

Third Game

MDX 97 — Valencia 15, Ebuena 13, Samson 11, Pestanas 9, Malasarte 9, Pablo 8, Sublemente 8, Canedo 4, Montano 2, Garon 2.

MIFICPA 76 — Gonzales 17, Alvarez 15, Ebuena 10, Dacumos 6, Leong 6, Muscoso 4, Pagkaliwagan 4, Sevilla 3, Ancheta 3, Madrelejos 2, Robles 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-15, 42-29, 69-54, 97-76.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	48	30	.615	—
New York	45	32	.584	2 1/2
Tampa Bay	44	36	.550	5
Toronto	42	38	.525	7
Baltimore	35	43	.449	13
Central Division				
Detroit	43	35	.551	—
Minnesota	41	39	.513	3
Chicago	40	38	.513	3
Kansas City	33	44	.429	9 1/2
Cleveland	31	49	.388	13
West Division				
Los Angeles	42	34	.553	—
Texas	42	35	.545	1/2
Seattle	39	38	.506	3 1/2
Oakland	33	44	.429	9 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Philadelphia	39	36	.520	—
Florida	41	39	.513	1/2
New York	38	39	.494	2
Atlanta	37	40	.481	3
Washington	22	54	.289	17 1/2
Central Division				
Milwaukee	42	36	.538	—
St. Louis	42	38	.525	1
Cincinnati	38	38	.500	3
Chicago	37	38	.493	3 1/2
Houston	37	39	.487	4
Pittsburgh	36	42	.462	6
West Division				
Los Angeles	50	29	.633	—
San Francisco	42	35	.545	7
Colorado	41	37	.526	8 1/2
San Diego	34	43	.442	15
Arizona	31	47	.397	18 1/2

Yesterday's Games				
Florida 5, Washington 3				
N.Y. Mets 1, Milwaukee 0				
L.A. Dodgers 1, Colorado 0				
Chicago Cubs 4, Pittsburgh 1				
Cincinnati 1, Arizona 0				
Atlanta 11, Philadelphia 1				
St. Louis 2, San Francisco 1,				
10 innings				
Houston 7, San Diego 1				
Toronto 5, Tampa Bay 0				
Boston 6, Baltimore 5, 11 innings				
Minnesota 5, Kansas City 1				
Oakland 5, Detroit 1				
Chicago White Sox 6, Cleveland 2				
N.Y. Yankees 4, Seattle 2				
Texas 9, L.A. Angels 7				

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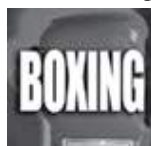
LOCAL SCORES

NMIFA MEN'S STANDINGS				
	W	L	D	Pts.
Inter	1	2	0	5
Remington	1	1	0	4
Korea Junior	1	1	1	4
Matansa	1	0	1	3
Independents	1	0	1	3
MP United	1	0	2	3
KFAS	1	0	2	3

UFO STANDINGS				
OPEN				
MDX	4	0		
SIP	4	1		
Bayani	2	1		
Visminda	2	3		
SMF	2	3		
NMBA	1	2		
Cabalen	0	5		

MASTERS				
Cabalen	2	0		
Bayani	2	1		
Boholanos	1	0		
NMBA	1	2		
MDX	1	2		
MAFEA	0	2		
MIFICPA	0	1		

Mayweather-Marquez rescheduled for Sept. 19



NEW YORK (AP)—Floyd Mayweather was cleared by doctors to fight Juan Manuel Marquez on Sept. 19 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

The flamboyant former pound-for-pound king was originally scheduled to fight Marquez next month at the MGM Grand, but his return from a brief retirement was postponed after he damaged cartilage in his ribs while training two weeks ago.

The two fighters were committed to rescheduling the fight,



even though more lucrative opponents like Miguel Cotto and Manny Pacquiao became available for both of them.

"I am relieved to be cleared to fight, as I was already looking forward to getting back in the ring," Mayweather said on Friday. "Trust me, Sept. 19 is a great weekend for boxing, and all of my fans — of which there are many Mexicans too — can certainly hold on to their hats and sombreros when I get back in to the ring."

Ticket sales reportedly had been slow for the pay-per-view

fight, but they may get a significant boost because of the new date. Mexican Independence Day is Sept. 16, and the bout will follow on the Saturday.

"I am happy that Mayweather has been cleared to fight and we can get down to business," Marquez said. "This weekend is not just an important weekend for boxing, but even more so for all of the Mexican and Mexican-American people I will be fighting for."

"(They) will have a great reason to celebrate my win over Mayweather, which

will be for all of the people and for the entire country of Mexico that night."

Mayweather, the former five-division champ, hasn't fought since knocking out Ricky Hatton in December 2007, when he was still reveling in his breakthrough victory over Oscar De La Hoya. His unexpected retirement last year came in a statement issued by his publicist, just as he was gaining mainstream attention with appearances on "Dancing with the Stars" and at WrestleMania.

MIZER

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it go," said Camacho, who returned to Saipan last Tuesday and came to the Francisco C. Ada International Airport yesterday to welcome the rest of the team.

"When he hit that grand slam, we were relieved. Our players

really can deliver under pressure," Mizer said.

Next up for the CNMI was its perennial rival, Guam. Mizers' wards led, 8-5, after six complete innings, but Guam threatened in the last inning, tying the game, 9-all.

Jared Sablan then broke the deadlock and gave the CNMI the winning run. He led off for the CNMI at the bottom of the sev-

enth, doubled, and later advanced to third on Guam's error. Guam's third pitcher Lorenzo Flores then walked second batter Henry Rabauliman, who moved to second on another Guam miscue.

Patrick Tenorio was next at bat and brought Sablan home on a fielder's choice to secure the World Series stint for the CNMI.

"It's kind of harder to play there because the field is smaller

compared here. It's also hotter and dustier there, but we stuck together and made it," Sablan said.

The win ended the CNMI's three-year World Series drought in the Junior League. The victory also gave several members of the team a chance to play in the World Series for the first time.

The list include Sablan, Christian Mizer, Frankie Camacho, and Trey Rabauliman, who are

all looking forward for a great experience Taylor, Michigan.

"This is a tougher tournament, the one pitting the best among the best, so we have to prepare harder," Frankie Camacho said.

"Finally, we made it. It will be an honor to play in the World Series and we promise to give our best in every game," Mizer added.

AYUYUS

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Ayuyus with 23 points, while Sahj Hossain chipped in 10.

Ada paced the Sixers with 16 markers, while Flores contributed 14.

The Sixers tried to match the Ayuyus' speed, but the former were too fast for their own

good and lost the ball several times, allowing the latter to nail easy fastbreak layups.

In Division III (19-and-under players), the IT&E Rollers completed their come-from-behind title win over Pink Bunny's after pulling off a 60-56 victory in Game 3.

Pink Bunny's stunned Rollers A in Game 1, 56-52, but failed to wrap up the short se-

ries when the latter recovered in Game 2, 56-47.

Luizi Reyes, Manny Matagolai and Zack Tudela shared the bulk of the scoring load for Rollers, combining for 45 points. Don Teregeyo tallied only five markers, but made all his points in the closing minutes of the second half, including a pair of free throws.

Matagolai also hit clutch bas-

kets, scoring four of the Rollers' last seven points.

Division II

Ayuyus 62 — Maratita 23, Hossain 10, Brel 9, Reyes 8, Pangelinan 5, Faisao 4, Norita 2, Kaipat 1.

Sixers 51 — Ada 16, Flores 14, Duenas 10, Castro 4, Solito 3, Palacios 3, Cruz 2.

Scoring by halves: 23-

18, 62-51.

Division III

Rollers 60 — Reyes 18, Matagolai 16, Tudela 11, Teregeyo 5, A. Camacho 4, Namelo 4, Litulimar 2.

Pink Bunny's 56 — Ogomoro 12, Kiyoshi 10, Iguel 8, Johnson 5, Camacho 5, Mateo 4, Kenty 3.

Scoring by quarters: 23-25, 60-56.

MEN'S

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holds a 1-1-0 slate, winning over Independents FC last Sunday, 2-1. The newcomer in the league so far has scored five goals and allowed its opponents to notch four goals.

Korea Junior played three games and had an even 1-1-1 mark. It debuted with a 3-2 victory over Korean Football Association of Saipan, lost to MP United, 0-3, and forced a 3-3 deadlock against Inter.

The last four squads in the team standings, Matansa, Independents, MP United, and

KFAS, tallied three points each.

Matansa and Independents had played two games, won one and lost the other. In two games, Matansa, which defeated MP United, 7-4, during the league's opening, earned seven goals and gave up six.

Independents thwarted KFAS, 4-3, in the second week of the

league, before losing to Remington last week. Independents so far has scored five goals and let its foe made five, too.

MP United has nailed the most goals so far in the league with 10. However, it also gave up the most goals so far with 11. After shutting out Korea Junior in the second week,

3-0, MP United bowed to KFAS, 3-4, to absorb its second loss.

KFAS also holds a 1-0-2 slate, as it dropped its first two games. KFAS has made the second most goals so far in the league with nine, but allowed its foes to find the back of the net 10 times.

Heo preps up for more ITF events

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CNMI junior tennis player Ji Hoon Heo is eyeing additional Junior ITF points as he prepares for four more tournaments this summer.

After competing in the Open Junior BNP Paribas de Nouvelle Calédonie 2009 and getting five Junior ITF points, following his Round of 16 appearance in both the singles and doubles events in Noumea, Heo's next tournaments will be in Northern Territory in Darwin, Australia, Fiji, and in YanGu, South Korea.

Heo will be joining the Northern Territory Junior ITF International, which will run from July 14 to 19. The Darwin tournament is a Grade 3 event in the Junior ITF calendar and Grade 1 to 5 tournaments offer the least ranking points and should be used as an introduction to the ITF Junior Circuit. A Grade 5 offers 30 points to the champion in singles, 20 for runner-up, 15 for semifinalists, 10 for quarterfinalists, and five for Round of 16 qualifiers.

Next up for the CNMI bet is the Oceania Closed Junior Championships in Goodman Fielder Tennis Centre in Fiji from Aug. 23 to 27. This tournament is a GB2 event (regional), which offers 120 points for the champion, 80 for the runner-up, 60 for the semifinalists, 40 for the quarterfinalists, and 25 and 10 for the Round of 16 and 32 participants, respectively.

Heo's last trip this summer will be in South Korea where he will compete in the YanGu International Junior Championships Week 1

(Sept. 1 to 6) and Week 2 (Sept. 8 to 13) at KangWon-Do. The tournament in Korea is another Grade 5 event.

Right now, Heo is competing in the 2009 Air South Pacific Junior Championships in Fiji and won his debut against Arman Abdollahi, 6-2, 6-1. The Air South Pacific event is a Grade 4 tournament.

"I will be off-island most of the summer and I hope to earn Junior ITF points from these tournaments," said Heo, who spent several hitting sessions with Kirk Schuler and Peter Loyola here before starting his Junior ITF points bid in New Caledonia early last month.

He was in New Caledonia for two weeks and trained intensely under New Caledonia coach Philip Poignon.

"We do enormous amount of physical training and lots of running. Coach Philip thinks that playing tennis is 50 percent physical and 50 percent hitting. We do at least 30 to 40 minutes of running every single day and do lots of cycling. Also, I do a lot of plyometrics and footwork drills with ladders and other equipment. I trained from 9am to 12pm, then I had a two-hour break and trained again from 2pm to 5pm," Heo said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

After the tournament in Fiji, Heo will be back in New Caledonia for another tournament and then return to Fiji to join his CNMI teammates in the 2009 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships.

Heo's campaign in Junior ITF events was made possible through the efforts of the Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association, CNMI coach Jeff Race, Oceania Tennis Federation, and Gerard Winters, technical director of Ligue Caledonienne de tennis.



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Kabiriel upbeat on chances in Oceania half marathon

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The CNMI's Jack "Road Runner Bunny" Kabiriel will hit the road of Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia this weekend, as he competes in the Oceania Half Marathon Championships.

Kabiriel left Saipan for Australia yesterday and will arrive in Gold Coast today, giving him two more days to get acclimated and prepare for the 21.1-kilometer race this Sunday.

The CNMI's middle distance runner earned a slot for the event, also dubbed as Gold Coast Airport Marathon and Half Marathon, after ruling the 2009 CNMI Half Marathon Championship, which was a qualifier for the Oceania tournament.

The 34-year-old athlete completed the qualifying race in 1:31:42 to beat 17 other male participants, including runner-up Bae Jim Keum (1:34:26) third placer Ronald Villafria (1:37:16).

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune* before he left for Australia, Kabiriel said he liked his chances in the race and he is hoping for a strong finish.

He added most of the fast runners in the region will be competing in the full marathon so it gives him and other runners a big chance to shine in



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Jack Kabiriel, seen here completing the Saipan half marathon early this year, left for Australia yesterday to compete in the Oceania Half Marathon Championships in the Gold Coast this Sunday.

the half marathon.

"My toughest competitor will be the runner from Tahiti. The rest of the participants will be from Australia. I am confident I will race well there," Kabiriel said.

"I've been training hard for over a month and the last week was really tough, as I worked on my speed and stamina," added Kabiriel, who trained early morning over at Marpi and later in the afternoon after work along Beach Road.

This is the first time that the CNMI is sending a participant in the Gold Coast Airport Half Marathon.

Kabiriel and the rest of the marathon runners will cruise along the beautiful and long

beaches in Gold Coast, which is home to some of the most popular surf breaks and canals in Australia.

The race will start and end near the coastline of Broadbeach and will take participants to Labrador, Runway Bay, and to the road near Paradise Point, which is one of the beaches along many of Gold Coast's 860 kilometers of navigable tidal waterway.

The first three finishers (in both open men and women) from the Oceania region will be presented with the Oceania Championship medals. Another set of medals will be given to the Top 3 Pacific island finishers in both the marathon and half marathon events.

Top Pool Bar to host 9-ball



Top Pool Bar will be organizing a 9-ball tournament every Tuesday starting next week on June 7 at the Garapan sports bar and watering hole.

The competition, simply dubbed as the Open 9-Ball Tournament, is on top of the Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament hosted by the establishment held every Saturday.

Top Pool Bar manager Zheng Jian Qing said the 9-ball tournament will have a \$10 entrance fee and will be a single elimination, race-to-four affair.

Like the Saturday 8-ball,

the Tuesday 9-ball will adopt the rules of Billiards Congress of America.

"Once again, we would like to invite the island's top pool shooters to test their skills every Tuesday for a game of 9-ball. If they're not available on the weekday, they can always swing by on the weekend for the Saturday 8-ball," said Zheng.

Practice for both the 8-ball and 9-ball tournaments are free between the hours of 7pm to 8pm. For more information and reservation for the Open 9-Ball Tournament and the Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament, call Zheng at 287-7676. (Mark Rabago)

Pacific Mini Games qualifier continues at MMC Sunday



Refaluwasch Golf Association will hold the last of its two qualifiers for the 2009 Cook Islands Pacific Mini Games this Sunday, July 5, at the Marianas Country Club in Marpi.



R G A president Jordon Kossam said the show time for the tryout is 11am with tee time set an hour later at 12pm at the Marpi golf venue.

He said the format for this weekend's qualifier is medal play and participants will be teeing off from the blue tee.

Ralph Yumul is currently leading the candidates for the CNMI national golf team after carding a 76 last Sunday at the Coral Ocean Point golf resort.

The businessman was consistent in the front and back nines, shooting identical 38s and finished with a one stroke lead from his closest pursuer Asterio Tawanpiy.

Tawanpiy overcame a rough start that saw him fire a 40 in the front nine. He recovered just in time in the back nine with a 37.

Ben Duenas was third in the first qualifier with his 80 that was built around a 42 and a 38. Completing the Top 5 were Ned Norita and Jess Wabol with identical 81s.

Wabol had all sorts of trouble in the front nine and needed 43 strokes but made up for it with a 38 in the back. Norita, meanwhile, mirrored Mr. Unorthodox's score and also came away with a 43-38 line.

Yasu Irinaka (84), Palik Thompson (85), Carl Hocog (87), Joe Demapan (88), Sonny Flores (89), Lou Tilipao (92), and Tony Rogolofoi (96) also took part in the qualifier.

Kossam said they are planning to send a five-man team to Cook Islands composed of four players and one manager. The 2009 Pacific Mini Games in Cook Islands will run from Sept. 21 to Oct. 2.

Only U.S. citizens with a total of five years residency in the CNMI—at any given time—can represent the Commonwealth in the Mini Games.

For more information regarding the CNMI national golf team, contact Kossam at 483-4506. (Mark Rabago)



Roddick edges Hewitt to return to semis

Because of the stakes: a return to Wimbledon's semifinals. Because of the opponent: 2002 champion Lleyton Hewitt. And because of the circumstances: a five-set grind that began under a bright sun and concluded in shadows.

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Mizer touts gutsy wins in regionals



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The CNMI Junior All-Stars pose with their supporters after the arrival of the last batch of players and coaches who went to Jakarta, Indonesia to compete in the World Series qualifier last week.

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The last two walls blocking the CNMI Junior All-Stars' way to the 2009

World Series were tough ones and team manager Thelma Mizer is proud that the CNMI bets managed to survive those hurdles.



exciting ones. They kept us [Mizer and coaches Oliver Secharmidal and Bernard Cabrera] nervous. However, despite our nervous-

ness, we completely had confidence in our boys. We never doubted their ability to win in this kind of game," said Mizer, who led the last batch of CNMI youth sluggers who returned to Saipan yesterday after last week's 2009 Asia Pacific

Ayuyus, Rollers clinch titles



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The Kagman Ayuyus pose with their supporters and league organizers after beating the Sixers in the finals of the Division II of the UBA youth caging last Wednesday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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The Kagman Ayuyus outraced the San Antonio Sixers in a run-and-gun game, 62-51, to claim the championship in Division II of the 2009 UBA Summer Youth Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

With the game tied at 32-all, Juan Maratita sparked the Ayuyus' fast-paced game mid-

way in the second half to nail an 11-point win in Game 2 of the best-of-three title series in Division II (17-and-under). Kagman won Game 1 last Friday, 54-50.

Maratita scored 11 points in the Ayuyus' 30-19 windup, making most of his points on break-away layups. His six straight points capped by a basket off an alley-oop pass from Jimmy Brel gave the Ayuyus a 48-37 lead,

with less than four minutes left in the game.

The Sixers cut the lead to seven 47-54, with Joe Ada and Nathan Flores leading the team's comeback bid. However, the Ayuyus preserved the lead and the win after making four free throws in the closing minutes of the match.

Maratita top-scored for the



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Men's league shows balance competition

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Results in the first three weeks of the 2009 NMIFA Men's Football League had shown balance competition among the seven teams battling for this year's championship.

So far, all seven teams had one win apiece, creating log-jams in the team standings.

Saipan International Football Club is leading by only a point with its 1-2-0 win-draw-loss record. Saipan Inter's previous game last Sunday against Korea Junior resulted in a 3-3 draw. In three games, Saipan Inter scored eight goals and gave up six. The league-leading team also had a draw in its first game against Remington, 3-3, last June 7. Saipan Inter entered the win column on June 14 after topping Matansa Football Club, 2-0.

Remington and Korea Junior are tied for second place with four points apiece. Remington

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Regional Tournament at the Gelora Bung Karno Baseball Field in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Mizer was talking about the CNMI Junior All-Stars' 21-18 win over the Philippines in the semifinals and the 10-9 triumph over Guam in the finals.

In the semifinals, the CNMI youth sluggers were one out away from kissing their World Series' bid goodbye before

Brian Camacho saved the day for the Commonwealth. With the bases loaded and the Philippines leading, 18-17, Camacho stepped up to the plate and hit a grand slam to deep center with the ball going over-the-fence.

"I was looking for a signal from our coach and he motioned that the pitch is outside, so I hit it hard at the first pitch and let

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OFF THE BENCH

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So sad, so happy

Memorial services for Audra Winkfield were held this week. Last week, the gold medal swimmer for the CNMI in the 1998 Micronesia Games passed away in a car crash in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Billy Joel was right, "Only the good die young." She was 26. Audra Puanami Mae Winkfield is the daughter of Bobby and Debbie Winkfield, two rock solid citizens who have over the last three decades contributed mightily to making sports on Saipan better. Rearing high-achieving athletes happens to be one of those contributions.

To the best of my knowledge (readers, please let me know if I am wrong), Mr. and Mrs. Winkfield are the only parents to produce four Micronesian Games gold medalists. Jacoby, Audra, Tammy, and Jeremy all brought home the gold in swimming.

Jeremy would have also won a gold medal in athletics, and set a new record in the high jump, if not for a broken leg after landing awkwardly following a dunk. I saw it all from half court. He had been jumping out of the gym ever since joining coach Elias Rangamar's track and field program, setting a new CNMI record of 1.95 meters (6'4").

One night the Marianas High School student was throwing down an assortment of dunks in pre-game warm-ups and I expected him to dunk sometime during the game. Sure enough, the Ol'Aces got a fast break opportunity with the youngest of the four Winkfield kids out in front alone. My video camera was sitting next to me and I thought if I hurried I could capture the flush, but thinking that thought used up the little time I had and so I just watched in horror as Jeremy, in less than one second, went from the ecstasy of throwing down a ferocious one-handed slam to the agony of writhing on the floor in pain from a severely broken leg.

I was sorry I didn't record the play (I didn't really have a good excuse) but later Debbie told me she was glad I had failed. She said she couldn't bear to watch it.

Jeremy's brush with the Ada Gym floor was of course nothing like the crash Audra suffered with a concrete truck. Death sometimes truly does come like a thief in the night, sudden and unexpected.

One poignant point made by her boyfriend Jordan during the memorial testimonies: the first person on the scene of the accident told him that Audra died with a smile on her face.

Puanami means flower in Hawaiian and that's a fit description for her. The last time I talked to her was in 2003 for an interview at a swim competition. She reminded me of a hibiscus: open, bright, special in the middle, lovely.

Audra's ashes were buried yesterday in the Veteran's Cemetery in Marpi. She had been serving our country in the Air Force. So sad she lived only 26 years. So happy that she was who she was for 26 years.